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Premier Ho's Policy WILL SEEK JUST AND REASONABLE PEACE Freezes Military Positions

Nanking, March 30.

Premier Ho Ying-chin today "froze" all Nationalist military activities as China's Nationalists and Communists get ready for the second postwar attempt at a peaceful settlement of their 21-year-old conflict.

King George Continues To Improve

London, March 30.
King George's doctors today announced in a bulletin that they had advised him that a prolonged period of convalescence will be necessary.
The doctors announced that the King continued to make good progress after his recent operation which was designed to increase the circulation in his right leg.
The bulletin also said that the circulation was improving since the operation and that a long convalescence was ordered to make certain that the improvement would continue.—United Press.

Chen Leaves For Hainan

Canton, March 30.
Facing a Communist threat and opposition of the natives, General Chen Chi-tang is flying today to Hainan, Hainan Island, to assume the post of Administrator on April 1.
The 58-year-old General once was a powerful Kwangtung warlord. On Hainan, off the Southern Coast of China, he will have the 64th Nationalist Army, which will be brought to full strength in relation, he will form one regular brigade.
Hainan now is harassed by some 8,000 Communist irregulars. Many of the islanders oppose Chen Chi-tang because of his warlordism and past exploitation. His supporters, however, say the opposition are "just politicians".—Associated Press.

NORWAY APPROVES

Oslo, March 30.
The Norwegian Parliament tonight voted in favour of Norway signing the North Atlantic Pact. The voting was 130 for and 13 against. Seven of the 150 Representatives were absent.
The contrary votes were cast by two Labour members and the 11 Communists.—Reuter.

BANDITS LOOT LEPER ASYLUM, BEAT SISTERS

Canton, March 30.
Fifteen French Catholic Sisters serving in the leper hospital in the railroad town of Shihlung (Stone Dragon), 25 miles East of Canton, were beaten severely by some 30 bandits on March 27.

The badly wounded is Sister St. Lazare, while a 73-year-old former Mother Superior who was disabled and confined to bed, was dragged out and beaten. The head of the hospital is Sister Marie-du-Cenacle, who was also wounded.

The bandits took HK\$20,000 and looted the hospital, which now has no funds to feed and care for about 600 lepers.

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In a policy report to the Legislative Yuan this morning, General Ho announced that all frontline government troops will stay in their positions and maintain the present military status to "make possible the smooth conduct of the peace negotiations" which will start in the Communist capital, Peiping, on Friday.
The government's six-man peace delegation, led by General Chang Chih-chung, will emplane for Peiping on April 1.

The delegation's secretary, General Chang Chih-chung, will proceed to Peiping tomorrow to make preparations for convocation of the talks and to ask the Communists for concurrence in permitting foreign and Chinese newsmen from Nationalist China to cover the negotiations.

General Chang Chih-chung, who flew to Chikow yesterday to consult the retired president Chiang Kai-shek on the peace negotiations, returned to Nanking today.

Premier Ho today pledged his government to seeking an "overall peace based on just and reasonable principles."
He also announced to a packed Legislative Yuan the creation of a new supplementary currency called "tax yuan" (dollar), pegged on a 1:1 ratio of one dollar to one Gold Yuan equivalent of the market price of one hundredth of an ounce of gold.

On Foreign Policy

On foreign policy General Ho said Nationalist China must not allow her internal situation to affect the peace and security of the world, and pledged his government to support the United Nations and together with other friendly nations, maintain and promote peace.

The Premier asserted his Cabinet would seek to improve diplomatic relations and would welcome all foreign aid beneficial to the peace and the social economy of the country, provided that such aid was given according to principles that did not interfere with Chinese sovereignty.

General Ho outlined the main tasks of immediate urgency facing the government now as peace, political and military reforms and

stabilisation of the economic conditions. He promised he will do his utmost "with determination and courage" in enforcing the necessary reforms.

The government told Chinese reporters petitioning for permission to cover the peace talks that they would have to wait until Communist concurrence has been obtained. The peace delegation's secretary-general, General Lu Yu-wen, who is leaving for Peiping tomorrow, has been instructed to take up the matter with the Communists.

Meanwhile General Ku Chung-tung, Chief of General Staff, told the Legislative Yuan that there are about 120,000 Communist troops South of the Yangtze River with 10,000 spread in the suburbs of Nanking.

Reds Ready

General Ku said the Communists have completed preparations to cross the Yangtze River. He said the Communist plans presumably were to make severe demands during the negotiations and if these fail, they would begin crossing operations immediately within the next 60 days.

He said the government has completed the deployment of infantry and artillery units along the South bank, and plans have been mapped out to give the ground forces all available naval and air support in the anticipated battle of the Yangtze River.

The Government military spokesman said today that Communist troops have returned to attack upon Anking and the position of the Nationalist defenders of the temporary provincial capital of Anhwei is "critical."

Chinese press dispatches reported that Red troops have taken the airfield outside of the city, and the ground forces were observed within the walled city. The Ministry of National Defence claims that radio contact is still being maintained with the city, which is one of the few remaining Nationalist bridgeheads on the North bank of the Yangtze.

Yen In Nanking

Marshal Yen Hsi-shan, Governor of Shanai, arrived in Nanking by plane from his beleaguered capital, Taiyuan, last night.
The purpose of his trip is to confer with the Nationalist peace delegates before they leave for Peiping for negotiations with the Chinese Communists.
Although food and supplies are said to be running short, Taiyuan is still holding out against the Communist siege, which began nearly six months ago.—Reuter, United Press and Associated Press.

Ernest Bevin In New York

New York, March 30.
The British Foreign Minister, Mr. Ernest Bevin, said today that "if the North Atlantic nations do not sign a pact and then stand back we will be great danger."
Mr. Bevin arrived aboard the Queen Mary en route to Washington to sign the North Atlantic Security Pact next week for Britain.—United Press.

Enemy Pushed Back



Landing behind the enemy's lines at Tsun Wan, Hong Kong's defenders (seen here digging in after the initial disembarkation from landing craft) were yesterday engaged in the biggest battle yet in Exercise Lancer. The troops drove the enemy into the hills, inflicting heavy casualties.—("China Mail" Photo).

Everybody On BOAC Plane Safe

The 13 Hong Kong passengers and crew members aboard the British Overseas Airways Corporation flying-boat which was forced down in Saigon on Tuesday by fire in one of its engines, suffered no injuries and continued on to Singapore in another plane.

According to BOAC officials here, those aboard were never in any real danger. The fire was extinguished even before the plane made its emergency landing at Catia in Saigon.

No serious damage was done either to the plane itself or to the mail and luggage which it carried.

A new engine was flown down to Saigon yesterday to replace the burned-out one.
The fire resulted when a cylinder in one engine exploded and blew off the engine's cowling.

The 13 passengers from Hong Kong aboard the plane were: S/Ldr. L. Newbould, Miss L.E.Y. Fong, Mr. J.H.E. Stephens, Mr. H.B. McDowell, Mr. A.G. Brancifort, Mr. C.H. Ellis, Commander C.R. Williams, Mr. J.L. Tate, Mr. Wen Ping, Mrs. Goh Mien Lee, Mrs. Peh Peck Hoon, Mr. Yap Kah Hoe and Mr. W.E. Kirby.

Situation At Moncay Improving

Salgoon, March 30.
A French military spokesman said today that the situation at Moncay, in North Eastern Tonkin, "is not yet completely favourable but is evolving favourably."

French reports from Hanoi stated yesterday that French troops were fighting fiercely against invaders and local rebel elements who hold part of Moncay. They said that the town had been invaded and looted two days before by Chinese Communists from the Kwangtung region.

Usually well-informed sources here said that it was impossible to fix the number of the attackers and that French residents had taken refuge in the citadel.—Reuter.

HK-Shanghai Radiophone

An official inaugural conversation over the Hong Kong-Shanghai Radio-Telephone will take place today between the Governor of Hong Kong and the Mayor of Shanghai.

It was originally planned for tomorrow to coincide with the opening of the service to the general public. As Mr. K.C. Wu will not be in Shanghai tomorrow, the date had to be advanced.

Sir Alexander will speak from Government House to Shanghai's Mayor at 10 a.m. today and the service will be available to the public from 8 a.m. tomorrow.
It was stated yesterday that owing to the introduction of Summer Time in Hong Kong on Sunday, the hours during which calls may be made between Hong Kong and Shanghai will be readjusted.
The readjustments have to be made as Summer Time has not yet been introduced in China.

Enemy Force Driven Back With Losses

Biggest battle in yesterday's phase of Exercise Lancer occurred in the Tsun Wan area where Hong Kong's defenders drove a considerable enemy force from the Castle Peak Road into the hills.

Casualties were suffered on both sides.

The Ping Shan Police Station, captured yesterday morning, was still in the hands of the bandits last night.

Bandit columns striking out from the Ping Shan area in an attempt to join up with the enemy force which landed at Tsun Wan were beaten back.

The enemy column from Ping Shan was not able to cross the hills. Army reinforcements sent from Hong Kong landed behind the enemy force at Tsun Wan and cleared the enemy road block.

The enemy "blew up" two bridges—one at Tsun Wan and a second at Au Tau near the Chinese border.
Most of the Colony's defending troops have been redeployed from the island and other points in the New Territories to the Ping Shan-Tsun Wan region where they were last night throwing a cordon round enemy's positions.

Naval Support

Hong Kong troops were supported by naval gun fire and artillery barrages. With this support, the Colony's forces reached their objectives yesterday.

The General Officer Commanding, Major-General F.R.G. Matthews, inspected the front at Tsun Wan yesterday.

The Ping Shan Police Station was seized by the following a night of continued activity in the New Territories.

According to the military, the enemy has between 250 and 300 men with some light field guns operating in the area.

When the regrouping of the Colony's defenders is completed, an offensive against the bandits will be launched.

On Tuesday, HMS London supported the ground forces by shelling enemy positions in the

Unofficials Attack Cost Of Government

Unofficial Members spoke in Legislative Council yesterday on the first day of a two-day debate on the Budget Estimates. Members were unanimous on one point—the high cost of Government—and several speakers expressed the hope that the newly-arrived efficiency expert would soon show results. Strong criticism was expressed of Government's delay in meeting claims for requisitioned material lost in the 1941 fighting.

All Members expressed support for defence spending though attention was drawn to the unfairness of the Colony footing the whole bill in this respect.

One speaker described the Budget as "far from healthy" while others suggested that capital expenditure should be charged to loan account.

A report of the first day's proceedings will be found on Pages 7, 11 and 13.

Govt Overthrown Ministers Held In Syrian Coup

Amman, March 30.

Steel-helmeted troops today patrolled empty barricaded streets in Damascus, capital of Syria, after a successful midnight military coup, led by Colonel Husni Zaim, army commander-in-chief, informed sources here reported.

Army detachments swooped on key ministries and government buildings late last night and arrested "marked officials", these sources said. By early today, the whole country was under military control and radio stations were proclaiming provisional army rule "until a more competent government can take over".

President Shukri El Kourtilis, whereabouts are unknown, but it is believed that he is under house arrest.

Ministers of the old "Nationalist" Government, formed in December after a fortnight's crisis and "fight on in Palestine" demonstrations, were reported by the Arabic newspaper, "Fajra", to be detained in separate places.

Portly, 50-year old Colonel Zaim broadcast a proclamation saying that he had seized power "because of the deteriorating conditions and to rid ourselves of people claiming to be Nationalists".

He imposed martial law throughout the country and forbade the carrying of arms on pain of death. Zaim said that the revolt was set off by:

1. The Syrian Government's agreement to begin peace talks with Israel and the Army's "enforced retreat" from the Lebanon.

2. An oil pipeline concession to the American-owned Trans-Arabian Pipeline Company.

The paper said that the coup was supported by the Shari (Popular) and Baath (Resurrection) Parties, composed mainly of young people and students.

It also reported that Fawzi Kawukji, Commander-in-Chief of the "Arab Liberation Army" in Palestine, held a secret meeting with many Syrian and former liberation army officers, two days before the rning.

The Weather

At 0800 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) a ridge of moderately high pressure extended from W. China to Japan dominating China and the surrounding seas.
Today's Forecast—Moderate E to SE winds, cloudy with occasional light rain overnight, morning mist.
Yesterday's Weather—
Maximum 72.2 deg. F.
Minimum 62.0 deg. F.
Rainfall: 2.0 mm.
Total since Jan. 1—112.2 mm.—5.1 in., as against an average of 150.0 mm.—5.91 in.
Readings at:
10 a.m. 4 p.m.
Barot at sea, 1016.6 1015.7 m.b.
Quartz 30.11 30.09 inches.
Rel. Humidity 80 80 %
Dew Point 62 63 deg. F.
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Tony Silva	vs	L. S. A. Chanter (H.M.S. Hart)
Young Wing Oi (H.K. Police)	vs	Leading Patrolman Reeves (H.M.S. Tamar)

Ldg. Writer Bob Pulling (H.M.S. Tamar)

vs

A. N. Oiler

Added attraction Weight Lifting Exhibition by Valentine, Knight. The official weighing-in of all boxers will take place at 9.30 a.m. on Saturday morning in the China Fleet Club.

(Programme Subject to Alteration)

Prices of admission: Stage & Ring-side \$10 & \$5 (Including Tax). Main Hall \$10 & \$5 & \$3.50. Balcony \$10 & \$5.

Seats may be booked in the Hall of the China Fleet Club. Telephone: 28664.

The General Public are cordially invited to support this Tournament.

Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and no means necessarily agrees with them.

Budget Analysis

Sir.—Mr. T.A. Manly by means of his excellent analysis presented before the meeting of the Reform Club on Monday evening, has afforded us a more clear-cut picture of the appalling cost of Government in relation to the benefits received. (1) that we should have been able to garner from perusal of the carefully camouflaged Budget figures published by Government, and this analysis will undoubtedly cause many to wonder whether the outlay upon many departments of the Government is justified by the utility of those Departments in regard to the everyday life of the Colony.

We are told that Mr. S.S. Ross, our long delayed efficiency expert, is now studying ways and means of reducing expenditure, and if we may be so bold as to offer a suggestion, it is that before attempting to prune expenditure he should ask himself whether the abolition of certain Departments in toto could not be effected without causing any adverse effect upon the well-being of the Colony. We are not in a position to afford expensive luxuries, and into this category, we are inclined to believe, some Departments fall.

The Department of S.T. & L. has long since outlived its usefulness, and even though we are told that it is now to be incorporated with the Department of Industry and Commerce, we suspect that this change will in fact do nothing towards effecting economy and will prove to be a case of one step forward, two steps back. It is time that business was put back into the hands of business men and Government confined itself to the task of governing, instead of continuing in fields wherein it is unskilled and does nothing to enhance its prestige.

Another point commented upon by the speakers at this meeting was that of pensions, an ever increasing burden, and the failure of Government to utilise the services of locally educated persons. It is time that the public of the Colony asked itself whether the services of men recruited in the United Kingdom are in fact so immeasurably superior to those of locally employed men, as to justify passing pensions, and additional expenditure on salaries in the form of Expatriation Pay. Those who have worked in Government Departments will agree that with very few exceptions, these men are to a large extent carried by local men who ask nothing more than a wage which will afford them a reasonable standard of living, yet even this they are denied.

One point which, we feel, might well have been raised by the speakers is that of the tax to be imposed upon mineral waters. Does this tax really result in such an increase in revenue as to warrant the penalisation of an industry which provides employment for a good many workers? This additional tax will inevitably, in part at least, be passed on to the consumer, who is already paying additional taxes on tobacco, yet the one source of revenue which could be tapped without imposing any additional burden upon a public, the resources of which are already strained, remains untapped.

At the moment, hundreds of thousands of persons enter this Colony annually, conduct their business from temporary addresses and depart whence they came, taking with them their profits, untaxed, whilst legitimate concerns, which not only are taxed but furnish employment for others, are subjected to additional taxation. Has it never occurred to our good Financial Secretary that a Head Tax of \$10.00 imposed upon all persons entering the Colony would go far towards meeting our annual Governmental expenditure whilst inflicting hardship upon none?

We respectfully suggest that instead of this tax upon mineral

Lotteries For Charity Legalised In Amendment

Three amending ordinances were enacted into law by Legislative Council yesterday. They were: The Gambling (Amendment) Ordinance 1949, which legalises the running of lotteries for charity.

The Summary Offences (Amendment) Ordinance 1949, which among other things prohibits the taking of photographs and the making of sketches in Court, and their publication.

The Medical Registration (Amendment) Ordinance 1949, which defines the styles under which Chinese herbalists may use in practice, to distinguish them from those practising scientific medicine.

Dr. S.N. Chau, supporting the said amendment, said abolition of Part 2 of the Medical Register would remove the loophole, hitherto existing, for the admission of those whose qualifications precluded them from Part 1. Up to 1948, he said, medical graduates from Japan were placed on the register. Government would protect the legitimate interests of the medical profession.

"Due to the present shortage of medical personnel, the Government has employed on a yearly basis certain persons whose qualifications are not recognized here. It is earnestly hoped that this expedient is only temporary in nature and that as soon as a sufficient number of medical graduates from Hong Kong University is available, the practice will be discontinued," said Dr. Chau.

All three motions were unanimously carried.

Mr. A. Nicol, Hong Kong's new Director of Public Works, sworn in yesterday as a member of the Legislative Council.

HEADMASTERSHIP IN GOVT. SCHOOLS

The headmastership of four Government schools was abolished by a motion before Legislative Council yesterday.

The institutions affected are Queen's College, King's College, Northcote Training College, and King George V School.

Henceforth, the headmasters of these institutions shall be styled, Principal, Education Department. The change is designed to facilitate the transfer of officers in the Education Department.

DEBATE-ON EDUCATION

A debate on the education of children in Hong Kong has been arranged by the King George V School Parents' Association for tomorrow at St. John's Cathedral Hall at 8.30 p.m.

The motion will be: "That it is better for children to pursue their education in Hong Kong than to be sent elsewhere." The debate will be presided over by Mr. I.G. Sullivan, Chairman of the Association, and the motion will be introduced by Mrs. Gordon, Mr. Collar, Mr. Anderson and the Reverend J. E. Sandbach.

SAIL FOR TIENTSIN

The British steamer Ninghai left the Colony yesterday for Tientsin with more than 400 tons of general cargo. She has no passengers.

Another Butterfield and Swire vessel, the Hanyang, is due here today from that Red-occupied port.

waters, one of the few small luxuries which many in the Colony can afford, the imposition of the Head Tax would be financially beneficial to the Colony, but would eradicate a long-standing cause for grievance.

Personalia

The forthcoming wedding has been announced of Mr. Guy Ballard, Jr. of 214 Peninsula Hotel, and Mrs. Grace Penn, of 15 Kent Road, Kowloon Tong.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday included Mr. and Mrs. A. Pomroy, Mr. and Mrs. P.A. Ricker, Miss E.M. Gray, Miss A. Persons, Messrs. W.E. Kirby, H.B. McDowell, W.A. Boyd, J.D. Palmer, J.W. Tallo, A.G. Brochley, N. St. Malloy, J.C. Lancashire, G.E. Shingledicker, R.E. Khan, J.H.B. Stephens, T.G. Champkins, L. Newbold, W. Ping, M.D.L. Dickson, K. Colegate, M. Killian, D.H. Williams, and F.H. McCrory.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday were Captain and Mrs. H.F. Eolland, Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. M. de Dianous, Mr. and Mrs. J.F. MacLennan, Mrs. E. Benn, Captain and Mrs. R.E. Pike, Messrs. A.H. Lee, E.S. Tonnessen, W. Zadra, L. Beswick, R.E. Smith, J. Krogh, Mr. Jack Shaw, G. Emerson, R.N. Clough and Y.K. Chang.

FALSE RAPE ACCUSATIONS

A young woman, the mother of a child, is now paying with a six-month imprisonment term for a four-day stolen holiday.

The woman, Chung Moon, aged 23, was charged before Mr. Blair Kerr with giving false information to the police in a manner to create a public mischief.

Inspector J.H. Evans, prosecuting, told the court that Chung Moon went to the Kowloon City Police Station and told a Chinese detective that she had been raped eight times by a Chinese.

Investigations however, revealed that the woman had in fact, consorted to live with the man in an unnumbered hut near the Wong Hau Temple in Kowloon City.

She had been given about \$30 by the man who, in addition, provided her with food. Inspector Evans further stated that the woman had told the man that she was a widow with an only child, adding that between February 24 and 28, she had been intimate with the Chinese man some six to eight times, with her consent.

It was stated that the man returned to the hut one day to find the woman gone, and her belongings taken away. He had never seen her again until he was brought into the case when Chung Moon said that she had been raped.

In the dock, defendant admitted that she had not been raped and that her complaint to that effect to the police was untrue. She had cooked up the story because her husband had returned to town and had discovered she had been unfaithful.

Chung Moon was sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

HEARING OF WILL DISPUTE

After William G. Woo, of 3 Cheungshawan Road, the defendant in a will dispute, had been cross-examined by plaintiff's counsel, hearing was adjourned.

The case which is being heard before Sir Leslie Gibson (Chief Justice) concerns a claim for right of administration of an estate left behind by one Woo Chong, alias Woo Chong-kee, alias Wai-nin.

The plaintiff is Poo Yan Nui, of 38 Tai Po Road, Kowloon, who is represented by Mr. B.A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. H.K. Woo. She claims that she was the wife of the deceased and the person entitled to administration of the said estate.

Defendants in the action are William G. Woo and Daisy Woo the latter at present at Montreal, Canada. They claim that, together with one Wesley S. Woo, present in a mental hospital in Canada, they are the present executors and sole beneficiaries to a pretended will of the deceased dated September 18, 1948.

The plaintiff declared that the pretended will had been revoked by her marriage to the deceased on February 26, 1948.

YOUTH GETS 20 MONTHS

An 18-year-old youth was yesterday sentenced to six months' imprisonment by Mr. J. C. M. d'Almeida, J.P. for stealing a fountain pen from Mr. J. C. M. d'Almeida, J.P. On additional charges of returning to the Colony after having been banished, defendant was sentenced to six months' imprisonment and ordered to be banished.

Immortal



Reproduced here is one of the 26 new paintings by Miss Diana Kan whose exhibition opens at 10 a.m. today in Suite No. 808, Gloucester Hotel. Lady Grantham is expected to visit the display for the United Kingdom this month to exhibit her work there. On her way back to Hong Kong she will visit the United States.

Phone Co. May Secure Loan

Legislative sanction was given to the Hong Kong Telephone Company Limited yesterday to borrow a sum of HK\$500,000 from the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation on mortgages of its properties.

RESOLUTIONS BEFORE COUNCIL

A number of resolutions will be presented to the Legislative Council for approval today. One concerns the proposed increased duty on table waters.

The resolution proposes to increase the duty from 24 cents a gallon to 48 cents a gallon, effective from midnight today.

A second resolution will ask Legislative Council's approval of the expenditure of HK\$45,000,000 on loans under the Rehabilitation Loan Scheme of Expenditure for the year ending March 31, 1950.

The sum is to be met from loans and charged as an advance from the surplus funds of the Colony pending reimbursement from loan funds.

A resolution to change the name of Phillips House to Presbyterian Mission House in the First Schedule of the Hotels Ordinance will be moved at today's meeting.

The resolution, in addition, proposes to reduce the percentage of the rooms to be reserved for Hong Kong Residents from 80 per cent to 60 per cent at the Phillips House.

The name of the Department of Supplies, Trade and Industry is to be officially changed to Department of Supplies and Distribution, according to a resolution to be introduced at the Legislative Council meeting today for approval.

COSMO CLUB MEETING

There will be a meeting at the Cosmo Club on April 4 at 5.30 p.m. of Australians and New Zealanders to discuss arrangements for the annual commemorative service to be held at the Cenotaph on Anzac Day, April 25.

Further Evidence In Lantau Murder

Additional testimony for the prosecution was given yesterday at the Lantau Murder trial by a number of country-folk from Lantau Island, where most of the events connected with the alleged murder took place.

Accused in the dock is Wong Fuk-lam, who is standing trial for the alleged murder of the deceased, one of whom testified that the accused, at the time of the disappearance of the concubine, Li Kan-nui, did suggest to them to keep the matter from the police.

Leung Fuk-mui, a woman residing at Lantau Island, testified to the discovery of a corpse on a lonely hill side on September 2, as a result of which the matter was reported to the police.

Police Inspector M. Madison, who was on September 3 stationed at Tai O Police Station, Lantau Island, gave evidence to having backed the report from the village, after which he went to the spot and investigated. The trial will continue at 9.30 this morning.

Inquest Into Death Of Man Killed Last Year

In November last year, by a gushing brook in the comparatively stillness of an unfrequented lot in Tin Keng Wan Village, Junk Bay, the trussed up body of a Chinese man was discovered, his face partly submerged in the cool waters of the stream.

A few feet above him, caught by the rushes of the hillside, hung a handkerchief, flapping in the wind.

The inquest into the death of the Chinese man—Wong Sai-lim, aged 45, waiter—had a relatively short session, ending with the solemn words of the Coroner, Mr. Blair Kerr in the verdict of Murder by person or persons unknown.

Dr. Alvarez, medical officer-in-charge, Kowloon Mortuary, told the court that on November 2 he performed a post-mortem on a Chinese male, identified by two persons—the brother and the wife of the deceased—as Wong Sai-lim, aged 45, a waiter, whose former address was at 3, Lok Hing Lane, ground floor, Hong Kong.

Six wounds were found by Dr. Alvarez in the body of Wong Sai-lim, and three bullets were extracted. A fourth, exhibited in court, was found in the stream by Detective Sub-inspector Scragg, officer-in-charge of the case, who was conducting the inquest in court.

Dr. Alvarez said that death was due to the bullet wounds, piercing the head and chest from the back. He also stated that death took place about 14 days from the date of the post-mortem (November 2).

The wife of the dead man stated of the inquest that she last saw her husband alive at noon on October 20. The next time she saw him again was when the decomposed form of her husband was shown to her at the Kowloon Mortuary.

Identification of the man was made possible by an oil pipe and a tin of tobacco found on the deceased and recognised by his wife, who could also make out the deceased but still discernable features of her husband.

The handkerchief that hung on the rushes at Tin Keng Wan Village was stated by Inspector Scragg to be either a blindfold or the gag.

UNFIT AS DWELLING

The manager of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Company, Limited, 171-173 Connaught Road, West, was summoned before the court of Justice of Peace at Central yesterday on 14 counts of failing to comply with the order served on him by the Urban Council on December 4, last year.

The order was related to the abandonment of a nuisance at the premises of Nos. 1, 14 Tung Shing Road, Aberdeen.

Inspector A.W. White, prosecuting, said that the buildings were found in a dangerous state during an inspection about 10 months ago. The owner was notified to repair the buildings, but no action was taken by the owner.

Mr. P. J. Griffith, representing defendant, pleaded guilty to the offence.

Mr. A.D. Leamonth, secretary of the company, said in evidence that the company could not comply with the order of the Urban Council because of the fact that those buildings are fully inhabited.

Mr. G.A. Hall, architect testified that the buildings were closely examined on July 2, last year. The buildings should be repaired and the repair should be started from the foundation, he said.

Defence counsel, in submission said that no fine should be imposed, because the company had tried everything possible to comply with the order of the Urban Council.

Mr. Griffith further applied a day's order for the premises for the reason that the buildings are unfit for human habitation. Hearing was adjourned till April 6.

FOOD AND FUEL PRICES

Food and fuel costs compiled by the Labour Office for the week ended March 26 follow:

Rice and Flour	7.2 ratings \$4.6000
Vegetables	1.0 " 1.5000
Salt Cabbage	2 " 1.6200
Oil	1 " 1.4000
Tea	2 " 2.6000
Salt	2 " 2.2000
Fish	4 " 1.6000
Pork	3 " 2.1200
Firewood	10.0 " .8500
Beans Cud, 14 pieces	1.0000
Total	312.6700

The average of the food and fuel figures for the three weeks ended March 26 is \$127.185.

The rehabilitation allowance for the month of April will therefore be—
Daily-paid Workers: Artisans \$2.50 a day; Coolies \$2.35 a day; Females \$1.75 a day.

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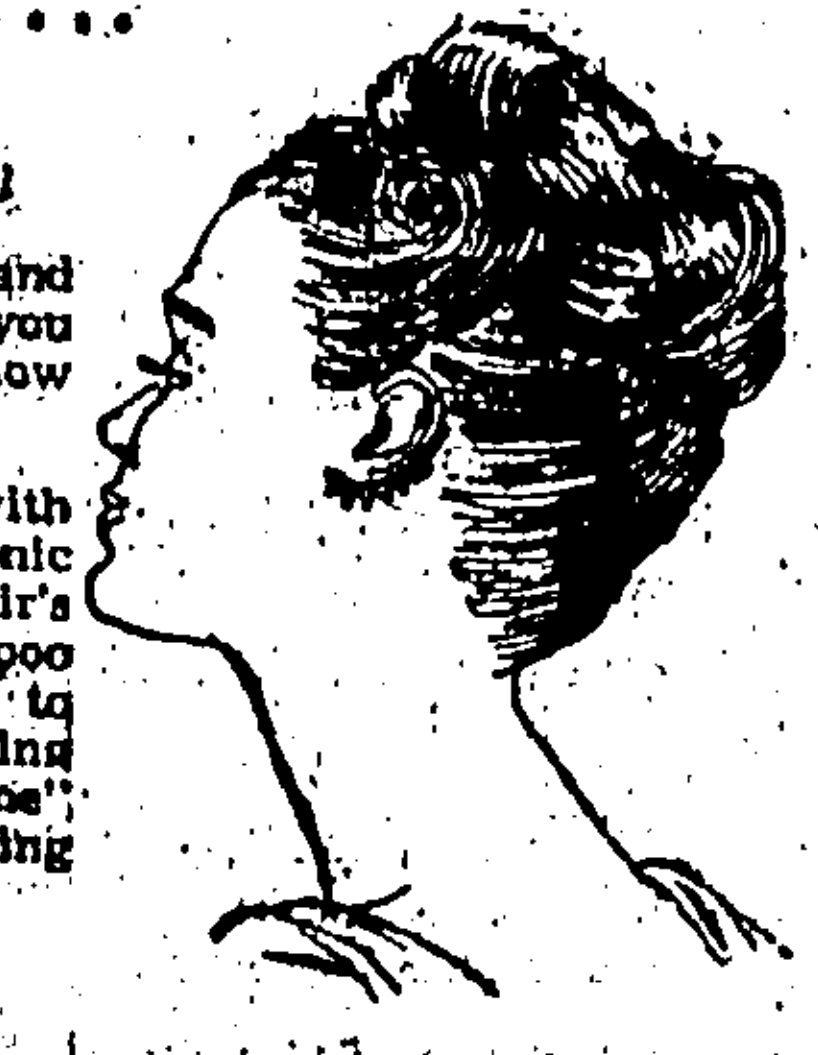
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Israel, Transjordan To Reduce Force In Akaba Region

Rhodes, March 20.

Israel and Transjordan will reduce their forces in the Akaba area under a draft armistice agreed to by their chief delegates here, who were tonight on their way back to Tel Aviv and Amman to consult their Governments, it was reliably learned.

Observers here declare this agreement showed that Israel had come to terms with Britain through Transjordan, and Israeli delegation circles here do not expect any further complications. The size of the forces in Akaba had been considered the likely stumbling block.

The crucial points, so much talked about when the negotiations opened, such as the blocked districts of Jerusalem, the Latrun district and access to

the holy places, must await negotiations between the two Governments, it was understood.

The armistice agreement will merely confirm the demarcation lines along the entire front, adjusting them slightly to improve the positions of one or the other side or to create an adequate "No Man's Land."

The agreed distribution of forces in the Wadi Araba area and around Akaba was still a strictly guarded secret. It was believed, however, that the present strength of the British forces was taken into consideration in establishing the Israeli forces in the demilitarized belts.

The only outstanding matter appeared to be the armistice line between Hebron and the Western shores of the Dead Sea, which United Nations observers were working out on the spot.

On The Spot

Agreement was also reported to have been reached over the six Jewish settlements and their equipment, which said said to include a few 25-pounder guns as their largest weapon.

The following points were left for later negotiations:

1. Israeli access to Mount Scopus in Jerusalem.

2. Transjordan access to Bethlehem.

3. Clearance of the Lydda-Jerusalem railway line for Israel (six miles of this line runs through territory held by the Arab Legion).

4. The Latrun "tongue," which blocks Israeli traffic on the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway.

5. Access to Jewish, Moslem and Christian holy places in the Holy City; a burning point in view of the forthcoming Jewish Passover and the Christian Easter holidays.

It was understood that the local commanders in the Holy City were determined to come to a working agreement to open a passage for the pilgrims of all religions.

6. The East Palestine "triangle" is occupied by the Israeli (Iraq) was authorized Transjordan to negotiate on its behalf, but Israel is not prepared to begin bargaining for the triangle before an armistice agreement with Transjordan.—Reuter.

London, March 20. Anthony Eden, former Foreign Minister, was received in audience by the Pope today, the Rome Radio reported.—Reuter.

Kai Tak Will Soon Have Face Lifted

Kai Tak is about to have its face-lifted.

Mr. A. J. R. Moss, Director of Civil Aviation, told the "China Mail" yesterday that plans are under way for improvement on the airfield. The purpose is to put it in a good condition till the proposed new airfield is ready.

"We are going to strengthen the runways," he said, adding that a plan to asphalt-surface the old runways has been given some thought.

A contract has already been given for the building of a new fence around Kai Tak. Primarily for reasons of security the fence will be made of wire, to be secured by concrete posts, and with outward-pointed barbed wire at the top.

The Home Government is still studying recommendations for the new airfield, which will be constructed on a site in the New Territories. Already it is making Hong Kong an interest-free loan of £3,000,000 for the purpose.

Work on the new airfield is expected to begin by the next dry season, and the runways ought to be ready for use within 18 months to two years.

Once the new airfield has been completed, Kai Tak will be used as a Government field for short-distance traffic, such as that between Canton and Amoy and the Colony.

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Accept Draft Armistice

London, March 20.

The Transjordan and Israel delegates at Rhodes today accepted a draft armistice hammered out in 25 days of tough negotiations by the Palestine Mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche.

Dr. Bunche handed the draft reply early today at his peace headquarters. Immediately after the meeting, said to have gone smoothly, the two chief representatives flew back to Tel Aviv and Amman to consult their Governments.

An official United Nations statement said outstanding problems still existed, but a spokesman would not say what they were. It was not thought the problems included difficulties about Akaba, the Transjordan port on the Gulf of Akaba, where British troops are stationed within sight of an Israeli force.

Mr. Nevean Shiloah, the chief Israeli delegate, said final contacts with the two Governments would not take long—perhaps two or three days.

The armistice between Israel and Transjordan would probably be signed over the week-end.

The armistice will be the third between Israel and the Arabs. Tel Aviv has already come to terms with Egypt, and the Lebanon. Talks with Syria are expected to begin soon.

Brigadier General William Riley, the United Nations Chief of Staff in Palestine, and M. Henri Vigier, the personal assistant of Dr. Bunche, flew to Damascus today. They will confer prior to the opening of the Israeli-Syrian armistice talks.

Colonel Ahmed Jundi, head of the Transjordan armistice delegation, left for Amman by the same plane.—Reuter.

CALLIGRAPHY EXHIBITION

An exhibition of Chinese calligraphy by Mr. Wan Wing-sum will be held at Hotel Cecil from Friday to Monday under the auspices of the Hong Kong Working Artists' Guild. The opening will be at 11 a.m. on Friday by Mr. Tiburcio C. Baja, the Philippine Consul.

The present exhibition is preliminary to Mr. Wan's tour in the Philippine Islands.

Arrangements have been made to have the Y's Men's Club's Ladies Night Meeting on Thursday, at the Cosmo Club at 7.30 p.m. This will be the welcoming party to the Regional Director for China, "Dollar" W. T. Yuen, who will give us a report on world Y'sdom.

Dinner will be served at 8 p.m. at 56 a head. A film show of the Y's Men's Christmas Party (1948) will be added with other interesting pictures.

PAA'S 1948 REPORT

Pan-American Airways Corporation's 1948 annual report, will show a net income of US\$4,590,000, it was officially stated yesterday.

Estimated net income for the previous year was US\$2,960,000. Gross revenues for 1948 were US\$145,216,000, including US\$108,465,000 of passenger revenues.

Passenger revenues in 1947 were \$94,422,000 which included more than \$8,000,000 of passenger revenue of Panair do Brasil.

In 1948 the company reduced its holdings of Panair do Brasil to 48 per cent of the total, and therefore these revenues are no longer consolidated in Pan-American Airways' annual report.

Exact mail rate earnings cannot be reported, it was stated until proceedings before the Civil Aeronautics Board are concluded.

STUDENT FINED

A 10-year-old student, Donald Soong, was fined \$400 by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday for driving a car without a licence and without the owner's permission.

On Tuesday, Gunner Denning, a defendant packing his car in front of the military quarters behind an officers' car in Kennedy Road, Defendant then drove the car away but was told to stop by Detaining.

B. J. Yen who was nearby at that time, asked defendant for his licence which he could not produce. Further inquiries revealed that he had no permission from the owner to drive the car.

NEW U.S. LUXURY LINER

Camden, New Jersey, March 20. Construction is under way on the first of three American luxury liners to be built for the American President Lines.

The keel of the U.S.S. 12,000-ton, as President Jackson, first passenger liner, to be built in the United States since the war, was laid yesterday by the New York Shipbuilding Corporation.

Each of the new ships will displace 19,000 tons, have a speed of 18 knots and carry 250 passengers.—Associated Press.

To Repair Army Trucks, Jeeps And Ambulances

Hundreds of Army trucks and other vehicles today are starting up the long road from limbo. From its "parking lots"—otherwise known as "dumps"—at various points in the Colony, the Army is moving several hundred trucks of the 1,500 lb. and three-ton classes, along with a number of jeeps and ambulances, into garages for repair and replacement jobs.

Many of these have lain un-serviced and exposed to the weather for well over three years. Some were left un-guarded. The result has been considerable loss through deterioration and looting.

Since the Army is unable to handle all the repair work itself, large numbers of trucks have been "farmed out" on contract to civilian garages in the Colony.

To date three garages have been granted such contracts—Jyoti Motors, Gilman's and Godwell's. The contracts name no deadlines.

The crippled vehicles which these three companies are over-hauling and refitting with parts have come mainly from the former "dumps" on Chatham Road and Cameron Road and from the Nathan Road lot beside the Peninsula Hotel.

Some Cars Need Rest

According to Lt. Colonel R. H. A. P. Finney, RACQ, this major "revival" operation was undertaken in order to give the overworked vehicles now on the road a rest. As the revamped trucks enter service, the old ones will head for the repair shops.

In some ways the Army will secure itself of both a supply and a large reserve of vehicles.

Major Reid, Officer in Command of the R.E.M.E. (the maintenance division), said that a few ambulances were being "farmed out" for repairs and that in some jeeps probably would be too.

"We hope to have every Army vehicle in Hong Kong up to First Class standard," he commented.

Once the repair work has been done, he added, the trucks, ambulances and jeeps will be kept in Army parking areas where they will be tended regularly by maintenance crews.

Australian Takes Out Jap Name

Sydney, March 20. Frank Loyall Weaver, 22-year-old Australian who married a Japanese girl, today legally assumed her family name.

He became Tetsu Ichiro Utsuka Kitagawa. He said that Kitagawa is his wife's name and the others are common Japanese names for men. The action which cost US\$27 will be recorded at the Sydney Registrar General Office.

He said: "I want to demonstrate that the only thing Australia has done to me is to persecute me for wanting to be with the woman I love and have married. I want to live as a Japanese and work for the Japanese. The Japanese treat me far better than my own countrymen."

Weaver, who married in 1947 while he was with the RCOF, made three illegal trips to Japan to rejoin his wife.

He was returned to Australia in the beginning of 1948 by the Australian military who described him as mentally unstable.

He was sentenced to four and a half months in prison in 1948. Now released, he is collecting signatures for a petition for his return to his wife.—United Press.

Indonesian Rightist Leader Back Again

Batavia, March 20.

Dr. Sukiman, leader of the strongest Republican Right Wing Party (the all Moslem Masjumi Party) has emerged from his East Java hide-out and is now back in Jogjakarta.

An official Dutch source today said that Dr. Sukiman was freed after an investigation in accordance with the government policy that Republicans have the same rights as other citizens.

Dr. Sukiman was Interior Minister in the Republican Cabinet of Dr. Mohammed Hatta until the Dutch December military action.

He escaped capture and joined other Republican leaders in an East Java mountain hideout.

Dr. Sukiman was known to be strongly anti-Dutch before the military action and influenced the Masjumi Party accordingly.

Units of the Republican army, which were kept in several areas South and East of Bandung.

of the Bandung, as well as the Tasikmalaya, Tjiamila and Tj. wedah areas further East.

Republican units are reported to have been left in possession of their arms and are serving under their own officers, who are directly responsible to the Dutch Supreme Command.

It is reported that the Dutch follow a scheme to convert former forces by giving Republicans six weeks' Dutch military training.

After screening, these units get its own area, to guard and receives Dutch arms and equipment.

Republican officials in Batavia said today that the Republican commander, that Republican leader, the agreement with the Dutch, said without the knowledge of Republican officials on Bangka Islands or in Batavia.—Associated Press.

Adm. Nimitz On Kashmir Plebiscite

Lake Success, March 20. Admiral Chester Nimitz, who is expected to leave soon to assume his post as administrator of the Kashmiri plebiscite, said today that he would familiarise himself with the area and its people before setting up any mechanism for the election which will decide whether Kashmir joins India or Pakistan.

Admiral Nimitz said he had never been in India, his closest port of call in his long naval career being Colombo in Ceylon. He said he had a deep interest in India and also had been studying records of previous plebiscites in Nicaragua for guidance.

"This is outside my normal experience," he said smilingly. "We don't normally have elections in the Navy."

He said details of the plebiscite had not yet been worked out.

"There is nothing on which to base an estimate as to the time, the plebiscite will take place, but by early November severe winter weather will impede movement through the high places of Kashmir and it will be almost impossible to have a plebiscite in winter."

He told correspondents the status of the Kashmiri Cabinet after the plebiscite had not been settled. He stated that the plebiscite administration would have no control over the Kashmiri police or courts during the voting, but that it expected to assume as much authority as was considered necessary to administer a fair and impartial plebiscite.

"I am a firm believer in and a supporter of the United Nations and I have been, since the birth of the organization," continued Admiral Nimitz, "I'm willing and anxious to do all in my power to support its objectives and it is in this spirit that I'll endeavour to discharge my responsibilities as plebiscite administrator for Kashmir."

Admiral Nimitz said he expected to stop first at Karachi, paying respects to Pakistani leaders then to go to New Delhi for a similar courtesy call on the Indian government.—United Press.

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GEORGE Y. K. SUN, Secretary.

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Hong Kong, Feb. 21, 1949.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

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1. A meeting of the English Section of the Association will be held at 5.15 p.m. on Friday, April 1, at the Northcote Training College.

AGENDA

1. Appointment of a Chairman and Committee of Twenty.

2. Appointment of a Convener and two Committee Members in each of the following sub-sections:—English, History, Geography, Science, Mathematics, Art, Music.

3. Any other business.

Prior to the meeting, at 4.15 p.m., there will be a display of Text-Books and other teaching apparatus. Tea will be served at a cost of \$2 a head.

II. An illustrated lecture on "The Teaching of Music in Junior Schools," will be given by Miss D. H. Simpson, L.R.A.M., at 5.15 p.m. on Thursday, March 31, at St. John's Cathedral Hall.

M. HEARSON, Joint Hon. Secretary.

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Notice to Shareholders

The Sixty-fourth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned on Wednesday, the 20th April, 1949 at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Agents together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1948.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 6th April to the 20th April, 1949, both days inclusive.

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ENTRANCE EXAMINATION—For September 1949. Junior and Senior Schools will be held on Saturday, April 30th at 9.30 a.m.

LAST day for Registration—Saturday, April 2nd.

POLICE NOTICE

In connection with Laying of Foundation Stone of Masonic Temple at Kennedy Road at 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 2, 1949 the following Traffic Arrangements are notified.

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Kennedy Road from Garden Road to McDonnell Road is closed to all traffic except traffic as in Para 3A below from 10.45 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. Approx.

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DE GAULLISTS CALL FOR NEW ELECTIONS

Paris, March 29. The Rally of the French People (RFP) will continue to press its claim for new Parliamentary elections, General Charles de Gaulle, the leader of the party, declared at a press conference here today.

He was discussing the results of the departmental elections held last week.

General de Gaulle said the Communists had not lost votes in the elections.

"The grave thing is that the situation remains unchanged," he continued, adding that the Third Force grouping of parties supporting the Premier, M. Henri Queuille's Government, does not in fact exist.

These political parties are hindering the French people from rallying round himself, he said. On the Atlantic Pact, General de Gaulle said: "Given the fact that we are in the age of atomic bombs, radar, jet planes and long range planes, we cannot tell how the aggressors might attack in case of aggression by a certain totalitarian country."

"The liberation by force of Western Europe and especially

France would leave these countries devastated," he added.

Capital Error

"I consider it a capital error to centre Western defence on Britain. It was an enormous historic and strategic blunder."

"It is necessary for the Western States to be truly retrained. There must be detailed military agreement—not necessarily made public—regarding the support to be sent immediately to France if she were attacked."

"There will be no effectiveness in the pact unless there is a French national defence."

The defence of Western Europe should be centred on France, he added.

"There will be no agreement between France and Germany if under one form or another it becomes another Reich," the General continued.

"Germany should take the form of a federation. Then we can turn towards Russia and try once and for all to remake Europe. That is the programme."

The General expressed strong support for the Atlantic Pact, which he described as a very happy manifestation of intention.

Wait And See

"I can only salute the meritorious and healthy efforts the Americans are making to overcome the traditional trend towards isolationism," he added. General de Gaulle expressed some surprise that the terms of the pact include only Algeria in North Africa, but do not extend to Tunisia and Morocco. If the signatories had any mental reservations on this subject, they had better forget them, he added. But he refused to define his point.

Returning to the Atlantic Pact, General de Gaulle said: "It is of capital importance that the world should know that the United States, with their great economic potential and also with their moral ideas, should be decided on the principle of war in case of aggression."

"But we do not consider that this exhausts the subject."

"The States of Western Europe, and especially France, consider that should aggression take place they are bound to be preoccupied about the aid that could effectively be given them to avoid invasion."

He again called for the re-arming of Western Europe as a deterrent to an aggressor.

"Before judging the Atlantic Pact from a defence point of view, I consider we must wait to see what happens in the way of rearmament and the exact agreements on strategy in the event of aggression,"—Reuter.

Details Of Ambush Given

London, Mar. 29. Four British gunners ambushed by guerrillas in Malaya on January 19 were killed while on military duty in aiding the civil power. War Secretary Emanuel Shinwell told the House of Commons today.

Mr. Shinwell gave details of the ambush at the request of Air Commander A. V. Harvey, a Conservative, who charged that one of the victims, Gunner C. M. Bailey, had been sent into jungle warfare with inadequate training. Mr. Shinwell denied the statement and said that all of them had had military service before going to Malaya and had had from two and a half to 13 months experience in Malaya before the ambush.—Associated Press.

Stage Play Gets Mixed Reception

Berlin, March 29. The Soviet-licensed press here has given the play "Madness in Boston" by the German emigre novelist and playwright, Lion Feuchtwanger, a mixed reception after its premiere at the Kammeroper, only a few yards from the Soviet Central Commandant.

The play is an all-out attack on Puritan witch-hunting in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1692. The Communist Socialist Party newspaper, Neues Deutchland, greeted the performance, drew a parallel between the witch-hunting pastor, Cotton Mather, and anti-Communist witch-hunters who today persecute the descendants of the original American Progressives.

"Cotton Mather is one of those fanatics who oppose humanistic thinking in the face of historical progress," the paper added.

Her Paul Rilla, the Communist critic for the Soviet-licensed Berliner Zeitung, criticised the play, particularly for the fact that no clear parallel was drawn between the historical and modern witch-hunters.—Reuter.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second, and on 952 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.32 p.m.—"From the Films."

1.00 p.m.—Andy Jones and His Island.

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—Symphony Orchestra.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.

6.01 p.m.—Children's Story: "Pirate Creek" by Jean Marsh. (HUCTS)

6.30 p.m.—La Demi-Heure Francophone. (Studio)

7.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)

7.15 p.m.—"Hong Kong Calling Shanghai"—The Opening of a new Cable and Wireless Telephone Link. (Studio)

7.30 p.m.—"The Great Black" Presented by Paul Stuart. (Studio)

8.00 p.m.—"From the Editorials" (London Relay)

8.10 p.m.—Vocal Recital by Dorris Foster. (Continued with Piano accompaniment by Betty Brown. (Studio)

8.30 p.m.—"Concerto" Violin Concerto in A Minor, Op. 53 (Dvorak). Yehudi Menuhin with the City of La Rochelle des Concerts du Conservatoire.

9.00 p.m.—"Hong Kong Dances To"—Eddie Guzman and His Orchestra. Vocal: Gora Hillemer.

9.30 p.m.—A Play "Seabirds' Trousers" Adapted from the story by Eric Linklater. (HUCTS)

10.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel. (London Relay)

10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.

10.16 p.m.—"Thursday Serenade" A Programme of Continuous Music.

10.45 p.m.—"Composers' Cavalcade" Music of Al Hoffman. (ORBS)

11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

Hanged For Girl's Murder

Birmingham, March 29. James Farrell, British soldier, aged 19, was hanged at dawn today for the murder of a girl, aged 14, whom he met in a cinema. As the trap was sprung, an elderly man in the crowd outside Birmingham Prison gates shouted: "Down with capital punishment. It's a disgrace."

Farrell met an attractive schoolgirl, Joan Marney, in a local filmhouse and, after taking her to a park, strangled her.—United Press.

Visitors Told To Leave U.S.

Newark, New Jersey, March 30. The U.S. State Department yesterday clamped down on the proposed country-wide tour of 18 Communist "world peace" conference delegates which was to begin here last night.

The visitors from behind the Iron Curtain will be notified by the U.S. Department of Justice that they are expected to leave the United States promptly.

But sponsors of the "no more war" rally here last night said the delegates will appear and that the contemplated tour will go ahead as planned.

The meeting here—a "cultural rally for peace"—has been heralded as launching a nationwide series of rallies as sequels to the Cultural and Scientific Conference for world peace, which ended on Sunday night in New York City.

In Washington, the State Department notified the Russian Embassy and those of its satellite nations that the delegates were admitted to the U.S. only to attend the New York conference. Now that the New York conference is over, the Department said, it expects the delegates to leave within a reasonable time.

Later, U.S. Attorney General Tom Clark said he had instructed the Immigration Service to get in touch with the delegates individually and tell them they must leave as soon as travel arrangements can be made.—Associated Press.

LEATHERNECKS ON MALTA

Malta, March 29. An American naval squadron today landed many hundreds of United States Marines on the North West coast of Malta for shore exercises, including rifle practice, route marches and communications training.

The Marines re-embarked tonight ready for the Squadron's departure tomorrow.

The Squadron consisted of the aircraft carrier Philippine Sea, the cruisers Fargo and Spokane and four destroyers.—Reuter.

Paul Hoffman Praises Shansi's Marshal Yen

Los Angeles, March 30. The ECA Administrator, Mr. Paul Hoffman, told the student body of the Occidental College here that most Chinese leaders made the mistake of attempting to fight Communism solely with bullets and without attempting to improve the people's conditions.

Mr. Hoffman said: "Apparently most provincial leaders believed all their energies and resources should be concentrated in an effort to stop Communism with bullets. They did little or nothing to improve the lot of the people nor to make them feel a part of the government."

"They saw the problem as a military operation and acted accordingly. The tragic consequences following this concept are all too evident."

However, Mr. Hoffman said one province—Shansi—was almost unanimously opposed to Communism. He gave credit for this to Marshal Yen Hsi-shan, whom he described as a "war lord who knew he could not win battles unless the morale on the home front was good."

"The marshal gave his people the will to fight totalitarianism. He gave them something to fight for as well as to live with. Unhappily, there are too few Marshals Yens in China."—United Press.

Alien Law-A Violation

Salem, Oregon, March 30. The State Supreme Court said his country in The Lebanon yesterday Oregon's Alien Land Law, which prohibits Japanese aliens from owning land, violates principles of law which protects minorities.

The high court, in an opinion by Justice George Rossman, reversed Circuit Judge James W. Crawford of Portland in a suit brought by Kell Nambu, a Japanese, and Florence C. Donald, against the District Attorney of Multnomah County and Attorney George Neuner.

Mrs. Donald attempted to lease some land to Nambu, and the law blocked her. The high court decision tells her to go ahead and lease it to Nambu.

The Legislature is considering a bill which would repeal the law, enacted during the war.—Associated Press.

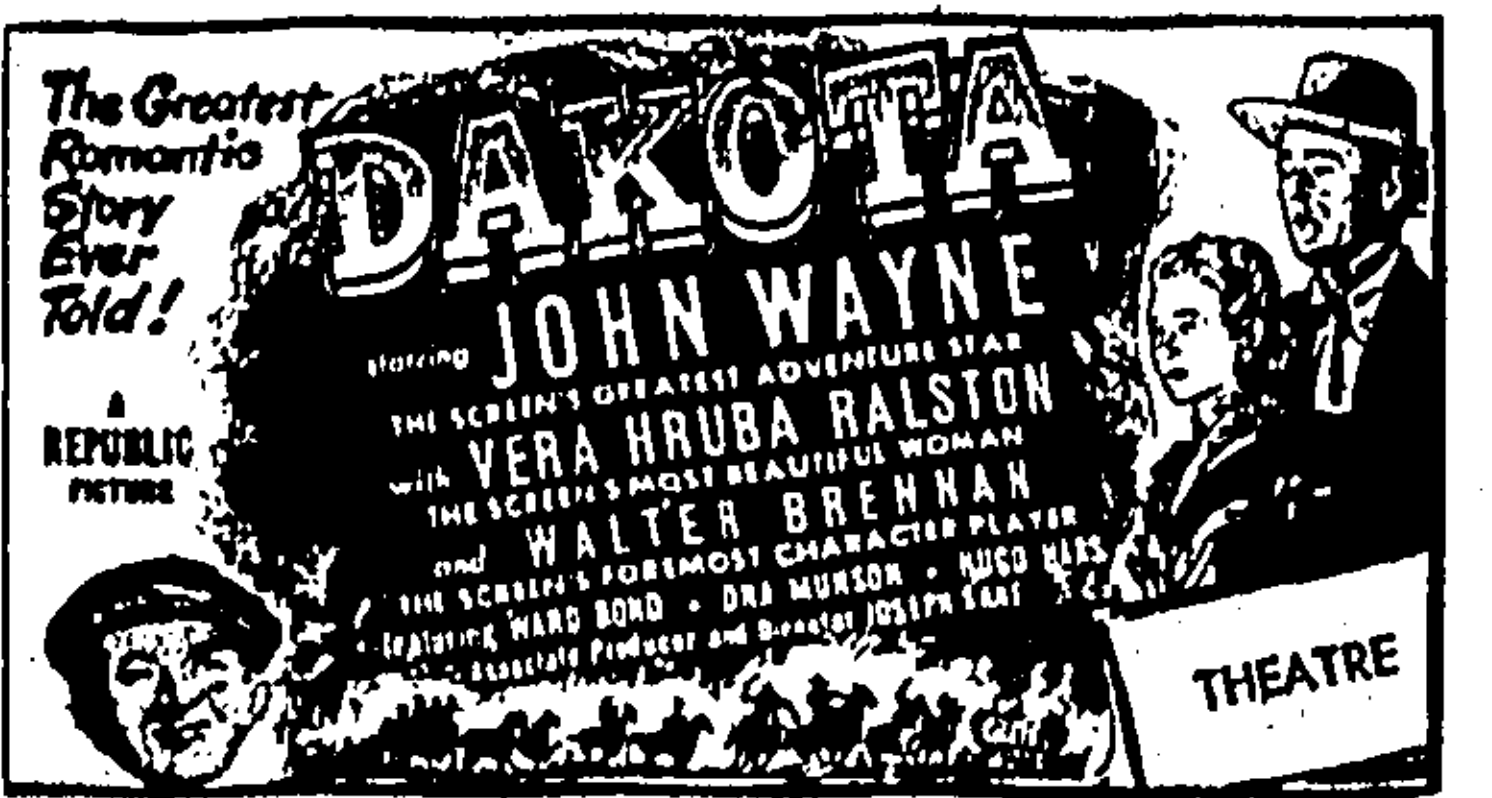
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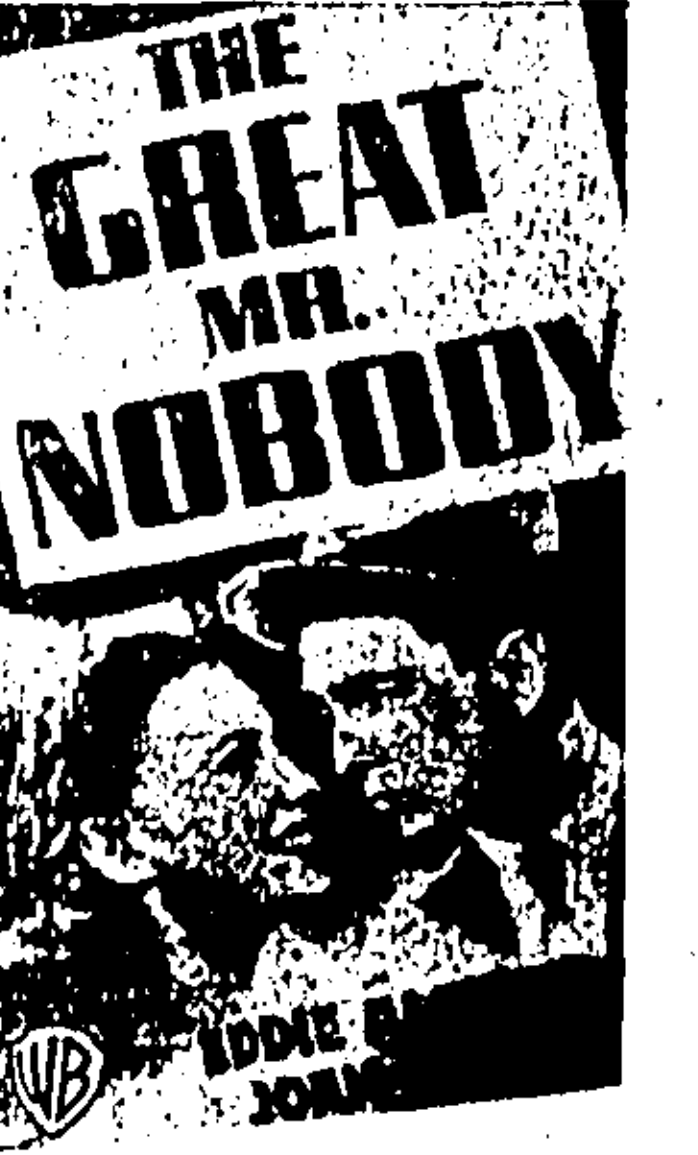
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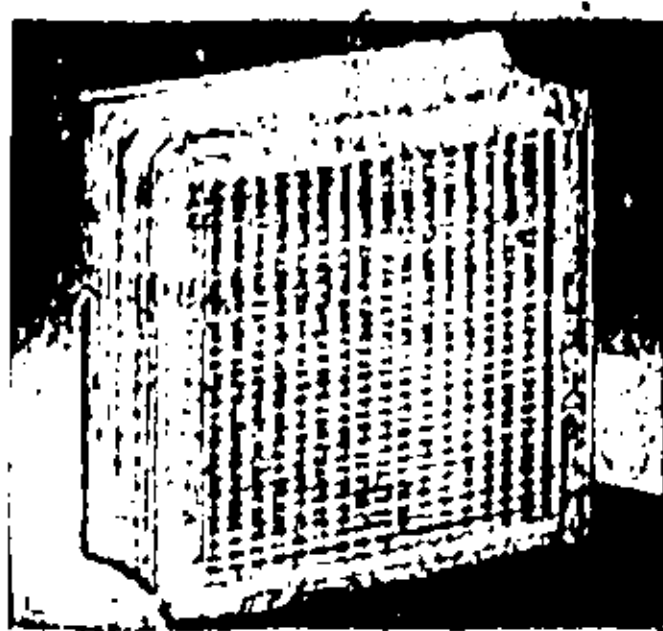


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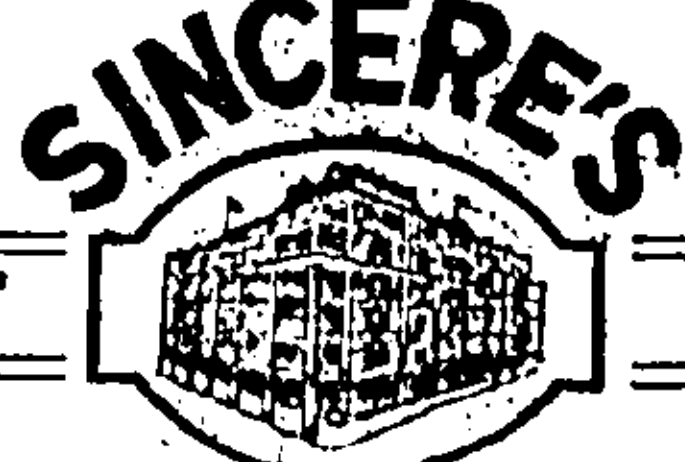
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U.S. PROTESTS OZECH TRIAL OF TWO GI'S

The United States Embassy lodged a sharp protest with the Czech Foreign Office today after being told that two American soldiers it has been trying to contact since December had been sentenced to 12 and 10 years' hard labour for espionage.

KOREAN POLICE ON SHOOTING

Seoul, March 30. The Korean police today confirmed the report of the fatal shooting of Park Il Wen, a former Communist turned informer for the Government.

This is the third Communist attempt on Park's life, according to informed sources. Park was at one time a Communist leader in Seoul. He was arrested by the Korean police in 1946 and the police persuaded him to lead a round-up of his fellow Communists.

The police have arrested and charged two Koreans with Park's killing.—Reuter.

News of the sentences, passed three days ago offer a secret trial, was released today in an official 80-word Czech statement, which gave no details of the charges, but said the two Americans crossed the frontier illegally last December with the intention of spying in Czechoslovakia.

Mr. Joseph E. Jacobs, the U.S. Ambassador, promptly protested that the men had been tried without regard for the rights and safeguards due to any person accused of such a serious offence.

He viewed the case with serious concern and complained that the Embassy, despite repeated representations, had been denied the right to see the two Americans.

A U.S. Embassy spokesman said the espionage charge was absurd on the face of it. According to reports, the two soldiers, George Jones and

CHINESE WANT TO GET INTO PACIFIC PACT

Shanghai, March 30.

If there's going to be a Pacific pact, the Chinese want to get in on it.

Chinese government officials have been quick in urging the U.S. State Department to start something in the Orient like the Atlantic pact. They feel they have a living excuse for founding of a regional defence system.

The Reds now in North China are able to push South as far as they want, some Chinese say. In this they have had the authoritative backing of Major General David Barr, former Advisory Chief in China, who this week told a congress committee that there is no line of defence South of the Yangtze river and that the Nationalist army cannot materially oppose the Reds.

Leading Chinese newspapers now add their voices to the demand for a Pacific pact. Despite the crisis in the government's affairs, papers on the Nationalist side found time and space to comment on the Atlantic treaty and to put in a plea for a Pacific alliance.

The Tung Nan Jih Pao, spokesman for South China interests, holds that an Orient line-up would cost the United States more than its Oriental counterpart but appealed to America to salvage its standing in the Far East.

The paper outlined many difficulties in the path of an East Asia organisation. It asserted there was an internal power struggle in the anti-Red camp. It cited the question of the balance of power in the Far East between the British empire and the United States as one phase of the struggle.

It said "the nations in the East also vie with the one another in securing the leadership of Asia." The Indian Premier, Dr. Jawaharlal Nehru, for example, is most zealous in the leadership competition. And he represents the initiative taken by "such countries as the Philippines and Australia," says the Tung Nan, declaring that Pacific pact pro-

blems would differ in atmosphere from that of the formation of the Atlantic pact.

The Shun Pao, Kuomintang party paper, said the Pacific pact has been brewing for several months. The British were well ahead in the work, the paper said. They daily hinted that Premier Nehru's recent British dominion conference, called ostensibly to discuss Burma transition, was in reality to debate the regional security of South East Asia.

At the same time, said the Shun Pao, Australian Foreign Secretary Herbert Evatt has also strongly advocated the formation in South East Asia of an organisation similar to the Western Union to resist aggression. Mr. Evatt added Australia is ready to lead in the movement to resist Communism in South East Asia.

At the recent Australasian defence conference at Canberra, said the Shun Pao, Lord Lioten, special envoy of the British cabinet, reported that formation of a Pacific alliance had become more concrete. The paper added that Atlantic pact ratification came first and plans for the Pacific are being temporarily shelved.

An interpretation that the Atlantic pact—an idea borne out by current political observation in Washington—came from the Chung Yang Jih Pao, another government paper. The Atlantic pact is not an end but a beginning, says the Chung Yang. More regional pacts will follow with the purpose of restoring the balance of power between East and West.

Western criticism which complained the Atlantic pact was echoed variously in Nationalist China. One newspaper, the Ta Kung Pao, independent, saw the Atlantic pact as an instrument to consolidate British and American hegemony. The paper brought in Wall Street, imperialists, fascist Portugal and Spain, and other items in the Marxist glossary in its survey of the pact.

The tone was in contrast to that of a Chinese daily that said: "If a way to peace and compromise can be found under such a balance of power, the world will be ready to trust in it."—Associated Press.

CHURCHILL'S MEMOIRS Final Instalment

At this time I received a very kind letter from the King:

Sandringham,
January 2, 1941.

My dear Prime Minister,

I must send you my best wishes for a happier New Year, and may we see the end of this conflict in sight during the coming year. I am already feeling better for my sojourn here; it is doing me good and the change of scene and outdoor exercise is acting as a good tonic. But I feel that it is wrong for me to be away from my place of duty, when everybody else is carrying on. However, I must look upon it as medicine and hope to come back refreshed in mind and body, for renewed efforts against the enemy.

I do hope and trust you were able to have a little relaxation at Christmas with all your arduous work. I have so much admired all you have done during the last seven months as my Prime Minister, and I have so enjoyed our talks together during our weekly luncheons. I hope they will continue on my return, as I do look forward to them so much.

I hope to pay a visit to Sheffield next Monday. I can do it from here in the day.

With renewed good wishes,

I remain,

Your very sincerely,

GEORGE R.I.

January 5, 1941.

Sir,

I am honoured by Your Majesty's most gracious letter. The kindness with which Your Majesty and the Queen have treated me since I became First Lord and still more since I became Prime Minister has been a continuous source of strength and encouragement during the vicissitudes of this fierce struggle for life. I have already served Your Majesty's father and grandfather for a total of many years as a Minister of the Crown, and my father and grandfather served Queen Victoria, but Your Majesty's treatment of me has been intimate and generous to a degree that I had never deemed possible.

New Export Restrictions

London, March 29.

Mr. Harold Wilson, the President of the Board of Trade, may lay down new export restrictions on goods of potential military value this week.

The new measures would follow the questions in the United States Senate last week about the British trade policy with Eastern Europe, and the speech of Opposition Members of Parliament to cease exports of possible military value to the Soviet satellite States.

In his statement on March 24, which set off the controversy, Mr. Wilson said that British trade with Eastern Europe was guided by consideration of economic advantage.

The Foreign Minister, Mr. Ernest Bevin, said that the Government had decided to impose controls on certain exports of strategic value indicating that he had discussed a schedule of such goods with the Brussels treaty powers' Foreign Ministers. The Commonwealth and United States Governments have also been consulted, British action is not dependent on other countries.—Reuter.

Trying Weeks

Indeed, Sir, we have passed through days and weeks as trying and as momentous as any in the history of the English Monarchy, and even now there stretches before us a long, forbidding road. I have been greatly cheered by our weekly luncheons in poor old bomb-battered Buckingham Palace, and to feel that in Your Majesty and the Queen there flamed the spirit that will never be daunted by peril, nor wearied by unrelenting toil. This war has drawn the Throne and the people more closely together than was ever before recorded, and Your Majesty are more beloved by all classes and conditions than any of the princes of the past. I am indeed proud that it should have fallen to my lot and duty to stand at Your Majesty's side as First Minister in such a climax of the British story, and it is not without good and sure hope and confidence in the future that I sign myself "on behalf of the King" when the gallant Australians are gathering another twenty thousand Italian prisoners.

Your Majesty's faithful and devoted servant and subject,
WINSTON S. CHURCHILL.

We may, I am sure, rate this frenzied year as the most splendid, as it was the most deadly, year in our long English and British story. It was a great, quietly-organised England that had destroyed the Spanish Armada. A strong tide of conviction and resolve carried us through the 25 years' conflict which William III and Marlborough waged against Louis XIV. There was a famous period with

Taiwan Currency Inflating

Taipei, Taiwan, March 30.

Taiwan currency, which has been relatively stable during the past four years compared with the national Chinese currency, is now inflating rapidly.

The note issue of the Taiwan bank has reached TW\$200,000,000, in addition to huge numbers of cash orders which flood the money market, statistics show. The issue is about four times what it was last August before through refugees from the mainland arrived.

Aggravating the situation further is another TW\$200,000,000 which the Taiwan Bank has put aside to finance refining of the present sugar crop. Officials are hopeful the sugar output will increase and will bring sufficient income to help offset the inflation, but a good many financial people take the opposite view.

The total output of government-operated enterprises, however, has exceeded 85 per cent of the pre-war average, and some of the island's products have not found a ready market. This year's estimated total sugar output of 45,000 tons has found no buyer yet. The acceleration of inflation has boosted food costs, even in this rich food-producing area. Rice recently climbed to a level almost three times higher than Shanghai rice prices. (Shanghai rice prices are somewhat controlled by ECA's rice rationing programme).

Governor Chen Cheng admits that lately he has devoted almost all the attention to the island's economic difficulties.—Associated Press.

World Boycott Of Panama Ships Planned

Baltimore, Maryland, March 29.

Members of the 5,000,000 strong International Transport Workers' Federation, whose headquarters are in London, were reported today to be planning a world boycott of all ships sailing under the flags of Panama and Honduras.

The Federation is a worldwide organisation of seamen, dockers, longshoremen and transportation workers. Maritime unions of the American Federation of Labour are affiliated.

Mr. Harry Lundenberg, President of the Federation of Labour Seafarers' International Union, told the opening session of the Union's biennial convention that the transfer of American vessels to the flags of Panama and Honduras meant that Panamanian and Honduran seamen were no longer protected by American law.

Mr. Lundenberg said that dockers and transport workers were ready to refuse to handle transport cargoes carried under Panamanian and Honduran flags. The Federation of Longshoremen and Teamsters were ready to back up the seamen in this fight, he added.

The international boycott would be instituted on given date to be fixed soon all over the world, he said. Panamanian and Honduran ships would be picked in every port, and they would be the signal for longshoremen and teamsters to refuse to load and unload all vessels flying their flag.—Reuter.

The End

Hungry Days Ahead U.S. Teacher Warns

Philadelphia, March 29.

"Day by day, year by year, we are steadily increasing the number of hungry, gnawing stomachs that have got to crawl on the good earth for nourishment," says Willard E. Goslin, President of the American Association School Administrators.

Addressing the 5,000 school administrators gathered in Convention Hall today on education and the conservation of natural resources, he said:

"I want to remind us, as members of the human race, as citizens of America, that if we could dissolve the conflict between the great ideologies of the world, if we could come within the limits of our own nation to wipe out the differences between groups and interests in America, we would still stand on the brink of disaster when we take the long view at the road we are travelling in America and around the world."

Goslin, who is Superintendent of Pasadena, California, Schools said:

"The earth's population is multiplying too rapidly and we do not have the resources to support it. If there is any hope over the present, which lies ahead of us, it lies in the stability of the earth's population and in conserving and re-

building the good earth's capacity to support those already with us."

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Criticism Of Delay In Settling War Claims

The feature of the first day's debate on the Budget Estimates yesterday was the unanimous condemnation by Unofficial Members of the high cost of the personal emoluments of Civil Servants.

Apart from this criticism the Budget itself met with little unfavourable comment. The most outspoken comments came from Sir Man-kam Lo who, together with Mr. T. N. Chau, referred to the delay in settling claims for requisitioned material lost through enemy action in 1941. Sir Man-kam Lo termed the delay "absolutely disgraceful."

There was no attempt on the part of Unofficial Members to quarrel with the expenditure on Security—termed by Mr. M. M. Watson "underwriting a risk which exists as much as the risk of a typhoon"—though Sir Man-kam Lo declared that Hong Kong should not be called upon to incur liabilities for external defence.

Calling the Budget "far from healthy," Dr. S. N. Chau said that a disquieting feature is the utter lack of buoyancy in the Colony's investment market which, he said, showed a lack of confidence in the commercial future of Hong Kong.

Other points from yesterday's speech:

Dr. S. N. Chau declared that the report and distribution of the Budget should be returned to private hands.

Mr. D. F. Landale and Mr. P. S. Cassidy suggested that capital expenditure should be charged to Loan account.

Mr. M. M. Watson, speaking on the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance, said it would be to the mutual advantage of landlord and tenant to be free to make their own contract.

Mr. Man-kam Lo said the time for study and local discussion had long passed and that the time had come for unity of outlook and unity in effort.

The debate on the Budget will continue at 2.30 p.m. today, when Government will present its reply.

MR. D. F. LANDALE
Strong Opposition To Municipal Council

Mr. D. F. Landale, on behalf of the Unofficial Members, expressed sincere thanks to Mr. V. Kenniff, Acting Director of Public Works, and Mr. D. J. Stoss, Acting Vice-Chancellor of the University for all they had done for the Colony.

Mr. Landale then referred to the impending departure of Mr. D. M. McDougall, the Colonial Secretary, the news of which, he said, had come as a surprise and shock and had been received with very real feelings of regret.

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Mr. Landale conveyed to Mr. McDougall most sincere appreciation and thanks for all he had done for the Colony.

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done for the Colony on behalf of the whole community.

Turning to the proposed constitutional reforms, Mr. Landale said that whether the broad outline of a Municipal Council already published was what the genuine Hong Kong people want, was debatable.

There was a very strong body of opinion that does not favour this form of government and would rather see a larger and more representative Legislative Council working in conjunction with a larger and more representative Urban Council than through the cumbersome machinery of the proposed Municipal Council, which, of necessity, would overlap a lot of the functions of the Colonial Government.

Mr. Landale suggested that draft ordinance in connection with the proposed reforms be published at an early date and that at least two months be allowed to lapse before they were debated in Legislative Council.

Mr. Landale referred to the cost of Government, and said the figures in the Estimates were "inordinately high." He gave instances of uneconomic operation of Government.

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Government needed an Accountancy Expert to put their methods of accounting on a more modern and understandable basis.

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Extraordinary and so enable us to equip ourselves with all the necessary schools, hospitals, police stations etc. more expeditiously.

Nearly all the items in Public Works Extraordinary were of a capital nature and could be financed out of Loan funds. If this were done, they would be left with a very substantial sum for maintaining these assets and building up the reserve funds.

The Public Debt of \$10,000,000 was costing us annually, in interest and sinking fund provision, just under \$4,000,000 or 2.2 per cent of estimated total revenue. At the same time we were asked to provide nearly \$20,000,000 out of current revenue for Public Works Extraordinary.

By simple arithmetic it would seem that we could, without any further taxation increase, borrow an additional \$40,000,000 to finance capital expenditure some of which would be of a revenue-producing nature.

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Mr. Landale concluded by saying that he hoped Government would make representations to the Secretary of State for approval to increase the Colony's borrowing power.

MR. T. N. CHAU
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He pointed out that dental claims for the sinking

of ships by the Services—amount to something in the region of \$20,000,000. It is now three and a half years since the end of the war, and yet nothing definite has been announced in respect of the settlement of these claims.

"Shipping and many other commercial firms must be in need of funds for rehabilitation, and it is hoped their case will receive prompt consideration."

A Mr. Chau said there was a great need for new schools—and many of them. Half the 225,000 children up to the age of 12 were receiving no education. The need for expanded educational facilities was pressing.

There was need for careful attention to secondary education, especially since the efficient working of the new Municipal Council would depend upon public opinion.

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in recommending new basic rates for cost-of-living allowances. The remuneration paid European firms, including cost of living allowances, Provident Funds, annuities on retirement etc., to expatriate staff differed widely to those paid to Portuguese, Indian or Chinese staff.

The Committee's recommendations had resulted in local officers in Government service now receiving approximately similar remuneration as expatriate staff.

The idea that a person's remuneration should depend upon the colour of his skin—which could never have been justified—is obviously outmoded and cannot be tolerated in this post-war world.

The recognition that a person should be paid according to his ability and responsibilities is gaining some ground in the commercial world and I hope this sound principle may be introduced before long into Government service.

Sir Man-kam hoped there would be greater mechanisation in some Government departments and the elimination of departments whose functions were not essential but said it was obvious that every advance in social services might result in an increase in the overall establishment.

Sir Man-kam next referred to housing—a question of vital importance to the public.

"I think," he said, "that some of the bitterness which exists in the criticisms of Government housing policy, especially in regard to building houses for Government employees, has been due to inadequate appreciation of circumstances affecting this problem."

Domestic Promises
The majority of domestic premises are old buildings subject to controlled rent. (Since the war, the expenditure on rent for domestic premises is increased, say, from three to six times over before the war, and since his permitted increase in rent for domestic premises is only 30 per cent on pre-war rentals, this arbitrary restriction in rentals represents an important subsidy to the cost of living by the landlord.)

"It costs so many times more to build a house now than before the war."

"A fair return on any new building must be governed by costs. Moreover, in case of a slump in property, when there is no housing shortage, and when rentals of new buildings cannot compete with rentals of pre-war buildings, the owners of new buildings must 'carry the baby'—unless they charge such premium and rent as will enable them to depreciate within a short time the value of the building to pre-war basis."

"A fair remuneration to an employee must be such an amount as will enable him to obtain accommodation suitable to his position by expending a reasonable percentage of that remuneration for this purpose."

"It is because of the consequences and of the inter-play of these circumstances that Government employees have found it expedient to provide accommodation for their employees. In so far as the rent charged to the employee does not represent a fair return on the cost of the accommodation, it represents a subsidy to the employee, and the

justification is that the employer regards such subsidy as a necessary and proper expenditure to retain the services of a contented staff.

"This policy has in fact been followed by large commercial firms in the Colony for a great number of years, and is being followed today. And it should be appreciated that, in so doing, the solution of the housing problem itself, to the extent to which new shortage would thereby be eased."

"I can see nothing against, and every reason for, Government to adopt a similar policy and to continue to do so that this policy will be continued so that in time Government may have buildings to house their white-collar employees and the labour class as well as their officers."

It is suggested that Government should build houses for members of the public, rather than its employees. I cannot follow the argument. Let us, however, assume that Government is to build for members of the public. On what principle are the members of the public to be chosen for the honour of being Government tenants?

Then what is the rent to be charged? If the rent is to be a 'fair return' these tenants will get no special benefits, and the element of subsidy, then all I can say is I do not see why the taxpayers who include the humblest artisan who smokes a few cigarettes should be made to pay for this subsidy."

"Finally how many houses on flats is Government to build? Say 1,000 flat. Well, on the basis that each flat costs \$100,000 the cost of such a scheme would be \$100 millions."

"I support Government's policy of building houses for its employees."

Private Enterprise
But I am not satisfied that Government has made any real effort to encourage private enterprise. For instance, despite all official explanations, I cannot escape the feeling that there is something radically wrong in the operation of the Sand monopoly. I submit that an impartial committee should be appointed to enquire into this question and to make recommendations."

Development in a large residential area in Kowloon was being obstructed by the inability of the parties interested to obtain Government approval for the installation of water-closets. The position had been the same for many years. He invited a statement by Government. Sir Man-kam then brought up the question of time consumed in correspondence with Government.

He quoted the application, on June 17, 1935, by a local resident for the terms on which a renewal of a certain Crown Lease could be granted which would expire in 1951. After 15 months, after much correspondence, the terms on which the renewal of the Crown Lease is to be granted had not been communicated to the applicant.

I suggest this is an indication of a serious breakdown in the Government mechanism, and that this Governmental inertia does induce in the minds of the

public a sense of frustration; and leads to destroy public confidence."

Mr. Lo regretted the necessity for such heavy expenditure for security when there was still so much to do for education, medical facilities and social services.

"It can be reasonably contended as a general principle that whilst the Colony must find whatever sum necessary to maintain internal order and security, it should not be called upon to incur any liability for external defence, which assuredly is the responsibility of His Majesty's Government."

It is true that measures taken for internal security and for external defence may overlap and intersect at various points, so that it may be difficult to draw a clear distinction between all items of expenditure for the one and those for the other. But I submit that all items for the Naval Force and for the Air Force are related essentially to external defence and are therefore an Imperial responsibility. In any case I should here state that the Unofficial Members of the Estimates Committee regarded that they were only prepared to accept the large scale of expenditure proposed for the defence force, including its Naval and Air units, on the clear understanding that the maintenance of these local forces represented the full extent of the Colony's contribution to Imperial Defence and that no further cash contribution would be expected in addition."

"Denial" Claims
Sir Man-kam referred to Hong Kong's decision on the financial settlement of pre-war liabilities to the Home Government and said he was surprised that no word of appreciation had been received.

Sir Man-kam drew attention to the resolution passed by Council asking the speeding examination and decision on the part of the services concerned in respect of the "denial" claims.

The outstanding liabilities amounted to \$72,730,000, including claims in respect of requisitioned material of \$25,000,000.

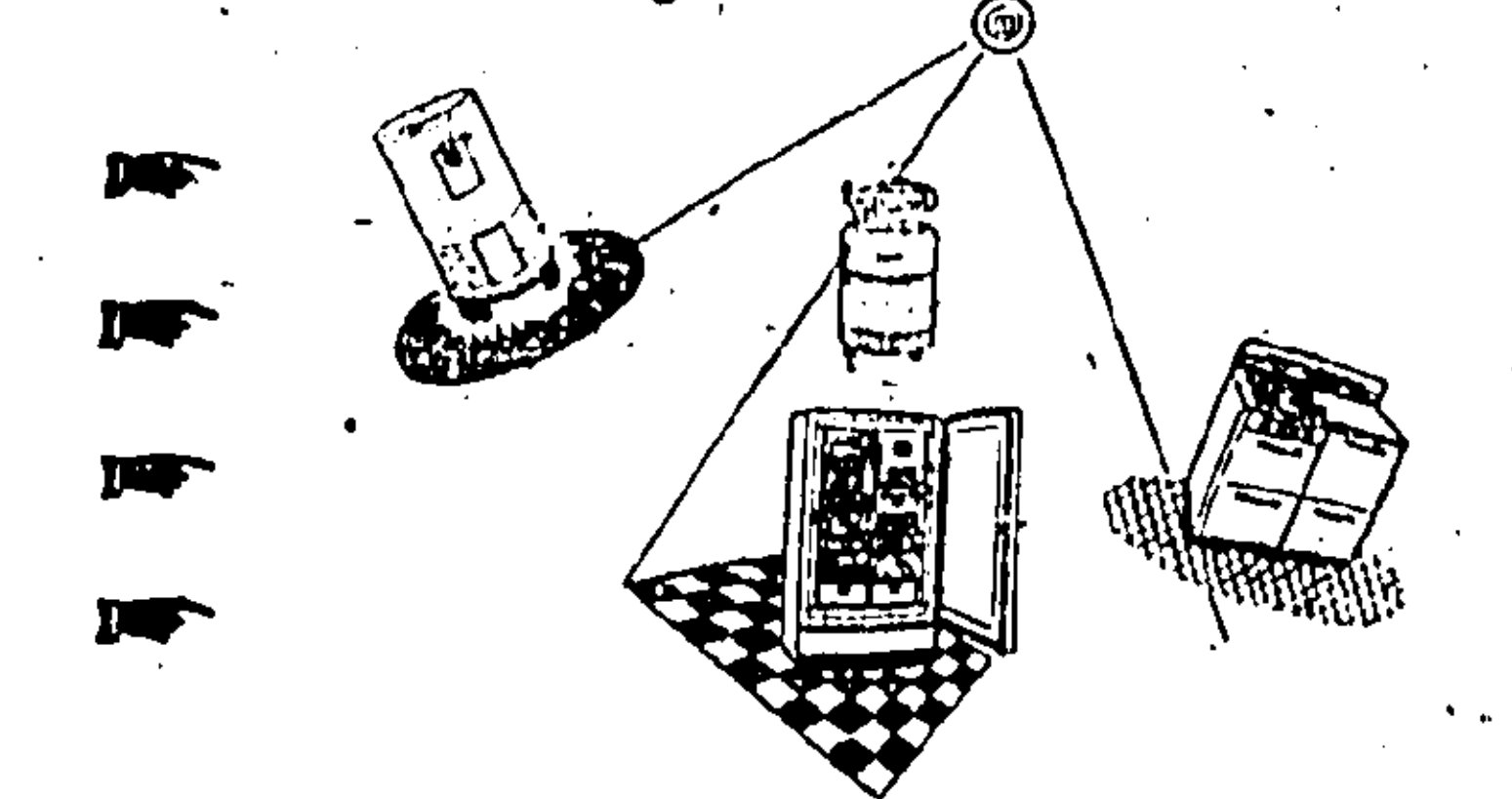
Sir Man-kam referred to the loss of the Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamship Company's ships Taishan (used as a depot ship for the boom defence vessel at Sai Wan Bay and sunk by enemy bombing), and the Kin Shan (used as a boom at the entrance of Yau-ni breakwater).

"Up to the present moment not a cent has been received from Government. Some 10 months have passed since we were assured that examination of the facts was taking place in consultation with this Government, and the debt due to the Company for some three years after resumption of Civil Government, remains unhonoured."

Sir Man-kam mentioned other pre-war liabilities of Government and mentioned the deposit with the Registrar of Newspapers, Supreme Court, of \$5,000 by a magazine publisher which had not yet been returned.

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There is an eight year old girl who can use her feet for all purposes. Her hands have only two fingers. Next is the fat midget woman. She is about 28 years old, two feet high and weighs 100 lbs. Third comes the peanut head man. He is reported to be about 30 years old and his head no larger than a tea cup. The fourth has an extra size in head.

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BIRTHS

LEUNG—On Wednesday, March 30, 1949, at the Nethercole Hospital, Hong Kong, to Mary Ho Lai-Ngor, wife of Francis K. S. Leung, a son. Both mother and child doing well. (Macao papers please copy.)

WEBB—At Kowloon Hospital, on March 29, 1949, to Anne (nee Blackway) wife of Major L. H. Webb, 10th Gurkha Rifles, a son.

ARMSTRONG—To Diana, wife of H. J. Armstrong, on 30th March 1949, at Queen Mary Hospital, Hong Kong, a son.

BUDGET DEBATE

The Unofficial Members did at least as much as could be expected from them yesterday, when they gave some able analyses and constructive criticism of the Colony's expenditure for 1949-50. The knowledge and assiduity shown by these speeches were not minimised by growing public appreciation that they can have not the slightest effect on government's decisions. The speakers were, understandably, uniformly concerned with the mounting cost of bureaucracy, but it is doubtful whether any suggestion to reduce this can match that of a correspondent in today's issue who believes whole departments might well be abolished entirely. However drastic this may appear on the surface, the idea certainly opens up an interesting line of thought.

Many citizens will agree with the remarks by Sir Man-kam Lo about the considerable discrepancy between locally-recruited staff and the favoured "expatriates" from Home. "The idea that a person's remuneration should depend upon the colour of his skin," he said, "—which could never have been justified—is obviously outmoded and cannot be tolerated in this post-war world." The recognition was gaining ground "that a person should be paid according to his ability and responsibilities."

This member was against government building low-priced houses for the general public, putting up objections which do not hold water, in view of the difficulties successfully surmounted in Britain and parts of Europe, however different their circumstances and locale. He thought the government had failed to encourage private enterprise in building, but ignored the blatant abuse of freedom in regard to enormous rents and key money.

Dr. S. N. Chau seemed to be all in favour of more houses for civil servants, and urged government to encourage the building of more residential quarters for the general public in the New Territories. He also, however, had no solution to offer for the extreme congestion in the urban areas.

A note of warning, but little else, was sounded by Dr. Chau regarding "the utter lack of buoyancy" in our investment market. This, he said, "shows a lack of confidence in the commercial future of Hong Kong." Perhaps. But if buying on margin were to be resorted to, one feels that enthusiasm

In my father's diary for the year 1894 there occurs the following entry: "White Lodge, June 23. At 10.00 a sweet little boy was born and weighed 8lb. ... Mr. Asquith (Home Secretary) came to see him." White Lodge, in Richmond Park, Surrey, was the house of my maternal grandparents, the Duke and Duchess of Teck, and somehow I imagine that this was the last time my father even applied to me that precise adjective.

The house was not without historical associations. Queen Caroline, George IV's consort, had lived there; and the dining table, had it been able to talk, could have told of the evening that Lord Nelson, dipping his finger in the port, had traced out the tactics of a famous sea battle.

My birth, occurred during Ascot week, and on the night I was born my grandfather, then Prince of Wales and later Edward VII, was host at a large ball at Virginia Water a short distance away.

Stopping the orchestra my grandfather announced:

"It is with pleasure that I am able to inform you of the birth of a son to the Duke and Duchess of York. I propose a toast to the young Prince."

The dance, I like to think went on.

Christening

A month later Queen Victoria drove over from Windsor Castle to attend the christening of her first great-grandson writing in her diary:

"The dear, fine baby, wearing the Honiton lace robe worn by all our children and my English grandchildren, was brought in and handed to me. I then gave him to the Archbishop, and received him back. The child was very good. There was an absence of music which I thought a pity. ... Had tea with May, and afterwards we were photographed, I holding the baby on my lap, Bertie and George standing behind me, thus making the four generations."

I was christened Edward Albert Christian George Andrew Patrick David.

Edward is a traditional English name and before me had been borne by six English kings. Albert was in deference to my great-grandmother Victoria's express desire that all her descendants bear the name of her beloved husband.

I was named Christian for King Christian IX. of Denmark, one of my 12 royal sponsors. The last grandmaster of Victoria's patron saints of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. However, to my family, I was and always have been "David." And I was brought up, in the simple English way, to call my parents "Mama" and "Papa."

It was a wonderful time to be born. Victoria, at 75, was in the 57th year of her great reign, and had been on the throne as long as all but the oldest Britons could remember.

Speculators might show material confidence in our commercial future—at least on a short term basis.

This speaker strongly advocated the decontrolling of rice and its return to free enterprise. One just cannot agree with this recommendation. At the moment the price is reasonable and supplies are available to the whole population. Even with a large influx of refugees from across the border, this situation could probably be maintained in time of emergency. It must be admitted too that the world rice position is not too rosy, and Burma's exports in the near future are problematical. No. While we may dislike government control, the availability of this basic foodstuff cannot be left in the hands of dealers who would boost the price to impossible limits in times of shortage or danger.

Sir M. K. Lo, together with Mr. Cassidy and Mr. Landale, advocated financing capital expenditure by a public loan, instead of from current revenue. This is undoubtedly sound economic theory, and there can be no argument that our loan liabilities are indeed small in relation to the Colony's wealth and importance. In this respect, the suggestion that the Secretary of State might be approached with a view to increasing government's borrowing powers, should be considered and acted upon.

This, after all, would only be in line with our (presumed) increasing degree of control over our own affairs.

THE ROYAL MEMOIRS

By H.R.H. THE DUKE OF WINDSOR

Boyhood Days

Britain was the most powerful nation on earth. Her sea power, industrial power, and financial power were supreme. Her Empire covered a quarter of the earth's surface.

Queen Victoria looked out upon a world not riven and shattered, but prosperous and teeming. The Courts of Europe were occupied in no mean measure by her numerous children and grandchildren.

The formidable Kaiser Wilhelm II. of Germany was her grandson "William." Another grandson by marriage, "Nicky," was Czar of all the Russians.

Especially for Britons of the upper and middle classes this was Britain's golden hour.

In any case, the effect upon me was what one would expect: the bewailing and sobbing which this painful treatment evoked always ended in my being removed lest I bring further embarrassment to the onlookers of this pathetic scene.

Eventually my mother realised what was wrong and the nurse left.

Victoria

Queen Victoria reigned on for nearly seven years after my birth, long enough to welcome into this world my brother Albert, now King George VI, who was born 18 months after me, my sister Mary, the present Princess Royal, and my brother Henry, Duke of Gloucester.



THE GREAT QUEEN VICTORIA, who came to my christening, wrote of that event: "The dear, fine baby ... was brought in and handed to me. ... Afterwards we were photographed, I holding the baby on my lap, Bertie and George standing behind me, thus making the four generations."

Income tax was measured in the pence on pound sterling; Socialism was scarcely more than a theory.

The first telephone had been installed in a royal residence only four years previously, and eight years would pass before my father acquired his first motor-car, a small electric vehicle, steered by a horizontal handlebar. It was hard to imagine that anything could shake the structure of the Englishman's world.

Early Life

The recollections of my early life are very dim. My father, a career officer in the Royal Navy, did not give up his service at sea until 1898 four years after I was born.

I passed immediately under the care of nurses, and reflecting on my father's instinctive attachment for all things Teutonic, one of these nurses was always a German.

I learned English and German simultaneously.

A nurse appears to have been to blame for an unfavourable first impression that I made upon my parents.

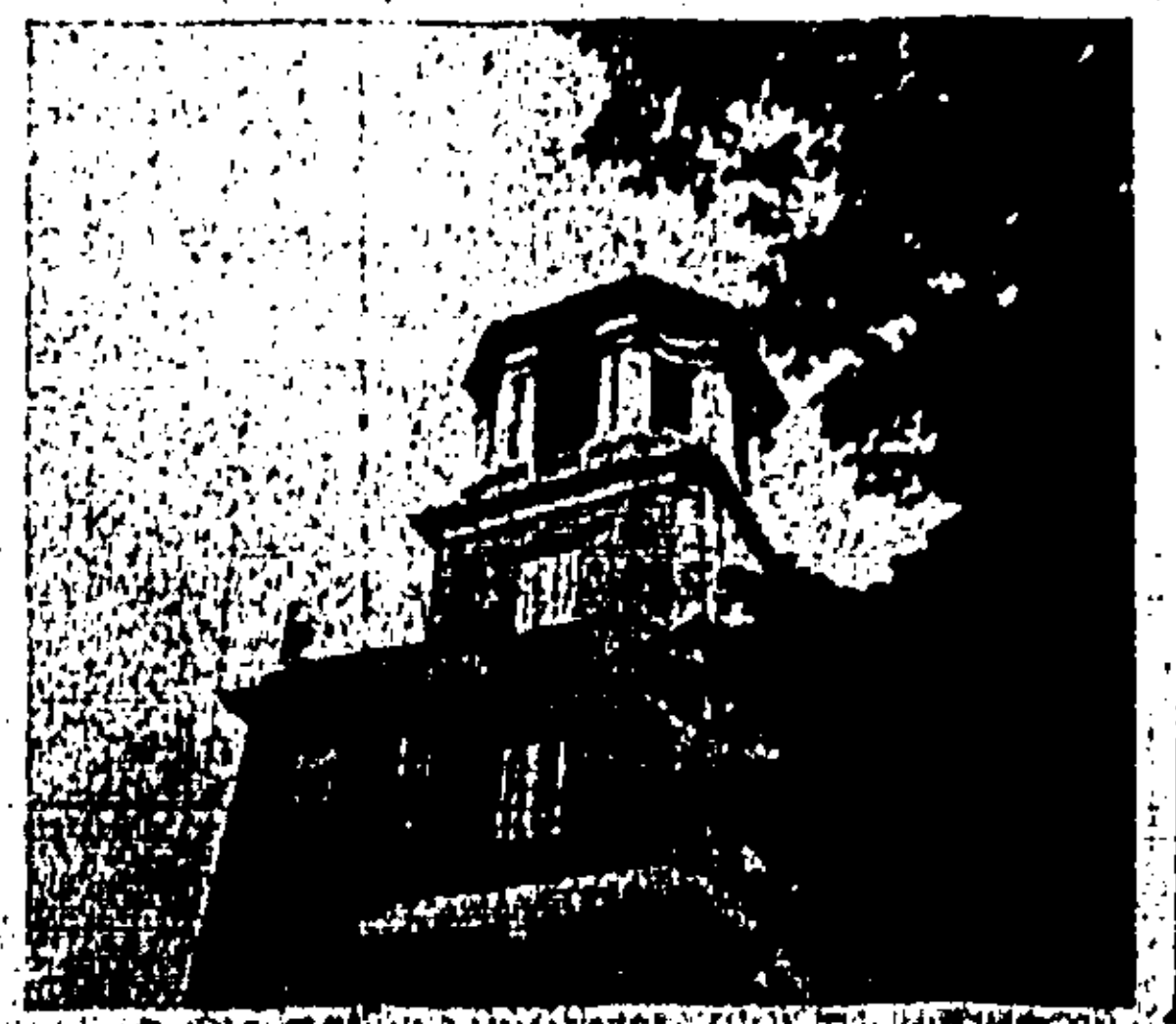
It was their custom to have me brought downstairs at tea time. I was, after all the first-born and my father as fathers do rather looked forward to this interlude at the end of a busy day as an occasion of mutual pleasure and edification.

But it seldom turned out that way.

Before taking me into the drawing room this dreadful "Nanny" would pinch and twist my arm—why, no one knew, unless it was to demonstrate, according to some perverse reasoning, that her power over me was greater than theirs.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR HONG KONG?

Can you recognize where this picture was taken? The answer is in Page Nine.



You would hardly credit it, but judging by the Reform Club meeting and the budget debate yesterday, it appears that some people actually object to spending all that money on civil servants.

According to a possibly garbled report, the aim of the Colonial Office is "to endure Malayan prosperity."

Maybe they could endure it if some of us here had a little too?

"Radiant Looted from Colony, Shanghai Said Returned To SCAP by Jap Navy Man." Some old China hands are going to raise hell about that.

Anything for a catchy story. A contemporary yesterday carried a story of a "woman who drank atomic energy" who had given a dose of radio-iodine for thyroid deficiency, and had not exploded at all.

We should, perhaps, be grateful that no one here has quite the powers which San Francisco claims to spend all those secret allowances.

Mountain Stalin to meet Mahomed Truman?

"USSR responsibility for Manchurian slapping." Don't tell me the old burlesque has penetrated to these grim regions.

A Viennese barber has broken a world record by shaving a man in 14 seconds. And in the face of stubborn resistance.

"Go all out for a shapely figure." Get taken in at any cost.

A new bus, we are told, can be overhauled in a day. Most people, however, prefer to wait for the next.

Preserves manufacturers have produced a surplus. Haven't sold all they can.

"Is this the speedometer?" asked the pretty girl, tapping the glass. "Yes, dear," he replied. "And that's the clutch?"—giving it a little push with her foot. "That's the clutch, darling," he said, averting quickly to avoid a bun.

"But what on earth's this?" she inquired, giving the accelerator a sudden nudge. "This, dear," he said in a soft, celestial voice, "is Heaven." And picking up a harp he flew away.



"Anything to say to the Press, Mr Strachey?"

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NEW EMPIRE CONCEPT

'New Deal' May Arise Out Of Commonwealth Talks

CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

London, March 29.

A new concept of Empire may be developed when the Commonwealth Prime Ministers meet in Downing Street next month for their second full-scale conference within seven months.

The meeting, officially regarded as one of the most momentous in Commonwealth history, will open on April 21 and is expected to last about a week.

The Prime Minister, in making the announcement in the House of Commons, told Members that the Prime Ministers will consider certain constitutional questions not fully discussed at the last Commonwealth Conference in October.

While his short statement did not elaborate on the topics that the Commonwealth leaders will discuss, political quarters expect there will be two major points:

1. A possible "New Deal" for the Empire, involving a formula to re-state the position of the countries which may declare themselves independent republics.

2. Military problems, including those raised by the Atlantic Pact and the spread of Communism in South East Asia and the Far East.

Broadly speaking, officials said, the meeting will touch on Commonwealth relations in the light of the rapidly changing pattern of international relations.

The Prime Ministers of seven countries—Britain, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Pakistan and Ceylon—will attend the Conference. Canada will be represented by Mr. Pearson, Secretary of State for External Affairs, in the absence of Mr. Louis St. Laurent, the Prime Minister, who has previous commitments.

Secret Talks

The talks will be private and it is understood that measures will be taken to ensure secrecy. The conference was originally due to take place in Ceylon but was transferred to London probably because of the importance of the issues involved.

The constitutional issues which are likely to be discussed result from the avowed determination of Eire, India and Pakistan to become independent republics.

The question is whether such republics can be accepted as members of the Commonwealth and, if so, on what terms.

Calwell Has A Lot To Learn

Sydney, March 29.

The Philippine Government today approved the application of an Australian woman to live permanently in Manila despite Australia's recent refusal to allow a Filipino-American, Corporal Lorenzo Gamboa, to visit his wife and two children in Melbourne.

The Philippines approved the permanent residence of Mrs. Evert Checkel, wife of an American attached to the Standard Vacuum Oil Company in the Philippines.

The Philippine Consul-General, Manuel Alzate, said: "Contrast the action of our small nation to that of the Australian Government. Today the Philippines invited an Australian woman to live as long as she wishes in Manila. Yet Australia has not allowed a Filipino to come to Australia to see his wife and children for a day."—United Press.

Allegiance to the Crown is considered to be one of the stumbling blocks and it is believed that proposals may be advanced for keeping the republics in the Commonwealth while allowing the right to refuse allegiance.

The Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, has refused to commit himself on future relations with the Commonwealth. In reply to a Congress Party demand that India would not associate with the Commonwealth until it is radically altered on the basis of racial equality, the fullest liberty and democracy, Mr. Nehru said it was impossible to give guarantees beforehand.

Welcomed by Opposition

Mr. Attlee promised Mr. Stanley Oliver, the Opposition Conservative spokesman, who welcomed his statement on behalf of the Opposition, that a full statement would be made after the conference and that the House of Commons would have a full opportunity to debate any major decisions.

Mr. Stanley, for the Opposition, said he was sure the whole House would be glad to hear that so many of the Prime Minister's had been able to come. "I know the House will wish a successful outcome to the conference," he added.

"We trust that at the conclusion of the proceedings a full statement will be made to this House and that, if any major decisions are taken, there will be a full opportunity to debate them."

Mr. Attlee replied: "Certainly, I cannot of course say specifically at the moment what the statement will be, but I will certainly see to it that the House is kept informed."

Mr. Geoffrey Nicholson, Conservative, asked whether any arrangements would be made for the Members of all parties to meet the statesmen informally throughout the conference.

The Prime Minister replied: "I would like to consider that, but I have had messages from some of the statesmen saying that, in view of the shortness of the time they will be over here and the amount of work to be done, they do not wish to have very extensive hospitality offered them."

Mr. Leonard Gammans, Conservative, asked if it was proposed to discuss the growth of Communism in Asia and the general deterioration of the situation in certain parts of Asia.

Mr. Attlee replied that he preferred not to add anything to his statement.

Mr. Attlee later told the House of Commons that certain confidential proposals had been sent back to the various Governments for their approval.

These would be made known to the House in due course.

Last Meeting

The last conference of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers was in London last October. It was the first conference attended by the new Dominions of India, Pakistan and Ceylon.

Gamblers Sentenced

New York, March 30.

Two gamblers and a press agent were sentenced to prison terms yesterday for staging a park Avenue penthouse party at which socialites were alleged to have been cheated of large sums in the name of charity.

William Buckner, who once served a prison sentence for fraudulent manipulation of Philippine railway bonds, and Stephen S. Tolk, another gambler, were sentenced to a year each. Charles (Chick) Farmer, a press agent, was given a six-month term.

The court described Buckner and Tolk as professional gamblers.—Associated Press.

Secretary Side-Steps Questions

Washington, March 29.

Louis Johnson, new Secretary of Defence, side-stepped questions on occupation policy in Japan and Germany and confined his first press conference to pledge that he would dismiss any subordinate who did not wholeheartedly work for unification among the Army, Navy and Air Force.

When some of 50 newspapermen at the conference pressed him regarding his views on occupation matters, Mr. Johnson replied that he had "no comment now, but I will later."

He similarly refused to comment on the arms aid to Europe programme.

Immediate reaction from sources close to military affairs was that there would not be immediate basic policy changes regarding Japan, emphasizing the fact that the Far Eastern Commission was the supreme policy-making body for Japan.

Among other things, Mr. Johnson said:

1. There will be unification under existing law as rapidly as efficiency permits and there will be more unification once Congress approves President Truman's request to give the Defence Secretary more power.

2. In future there will be no release of things labelled secret and no vying for headlines by the three services.

3. While some personnel changes are planned, they are not going to come fast and not going to come thick.

There are too many special boards and commissions in the military system and many of the 800-odd now in existence will be abolished or merged.—United Press.

Rangoon, March 29.

Three young men smashed theatre posters today outside a theatre where the Hollywood film, "The Iron Curtain," was being shown. The theatre manager promptly cancelled the show.—United Press.

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The photo shows the upper structure of the French Mission, Battery Path, Hong Kong.

PRIEST SENTENCED

Lodz, March 29.

A Military Court today sentenced a Catholic Priest, Father Josef Jansson, to four years' imprisonment for having said in Church sermons that religion was persecuted in Poland and for urging his parishioners to help the persecuted.

The Priest was said to have admitted that his conduct was hostile to the State, and to have showed repentance.—Reuter.



President Peron (left) of Argentina and his wife (dressed in white) Eva, pose with Argentine War Minister General Sosa Molina at Campo de Mayo, Buenos Aires. February, there were reports that the Army was trying to force General Peron out of public life. General Molina said the army was not at variance with one who "by her self denial, personal sacrifice, extra work and delicate womanly sentiments has come to represent the hope and comfort of her people."—AP Photo.

GENERAL SMUTS, PRESS ATTACKED FOR MAKING DAMAGING STATEMENTS

Capetown, March 29.

Mr. Eric Lowy, South African Minister of Economic Affairs, today attacked General Jan Smuts, former Prime Minister, and 11 American and British newspapers and news agencies for making damaging statements about the Durban racial riots in January.

More than 100 Africans and Indians were killed in the riots.

So far as he had been able to ascertain, Mr. Lowy said, the reports of the South African Press Association (the internal news agency) were fair and objective, but certain other reports were distorted, malicious, false and politically prejudiced.

Mr. Lowy was reporting to the Union House of Assembly on inquiries made at the instance of the South African Society of Journalists, which had expressed concern at remarks by the Prime Minister, Dr. Daniel Malan, that unfounded and malicious messages and, in some cases, lies had been sent from the Union about the riots.

Newspapers and agencies named by Mr. Lowy included: "United States—New York Times, New York Sun, the South (Baltimore), New York Herald-Tribune, Time, This Week and Associated Press."

Britain—Manchester Guardian, Daily Herald, New Statesman and Nation and Reuters.

Speaking of the prejudice overseas against South Africa, particularly in regard to colour issues, Mr. Lowy said: "I have no doubt that this unfavourable publicity, which the Union has received, will prejudicially affect the resumed discussions at the United Nations next month."

Exaggerated

Mr. Lowy said that a Reuter report, which was widely published in Continental newspapers and in South America, gave an exaggerated account of what had happened. It also contained the following passage, which, he said, ran through the overseas reports like a refrain:

"The majority of the African population in the Durban region are Zulus, formerly the most ferocious of South African warriors. Now for decades they have lived peacefully in their reserves."

Like a refrain, too, was the report of a group of Indians attacked by a Zulu mob leaped from a 500-foot cliff.

After a description of the riots the usual sort of thing had been tagged on.

"The last big demonstration of natives in South Africa occurred in Capetown last September when 3,000 demonstrated against racial segregation on the Capetown suburban railway."—Reuter.

Later, General Smuts had said that he did not blame the Government for the riots, but he (Mr. Lowy) had had four different reports from different newspapers, all to the effect that General Smuts had indeed said what had been attributed to him.

"It is difficult to estimate the damage done to the Union of South Africa by those two statements, particularly the statement of General Smuts, having regard to his standing in overseas countries," Mr. Lowy said.

Basis of Attacks

"That statement also forms the basis of most of the attacks made on the Union in special articles and editorials," other criticisms Mr. Lowy made were:

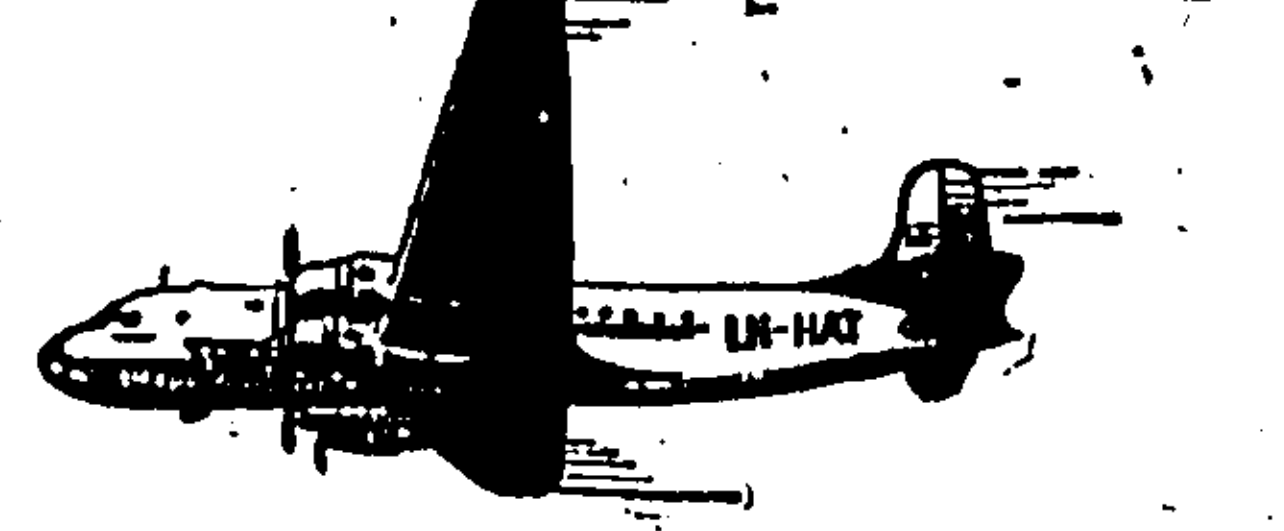
New York Sun—Sandwiched between two paragraphs were the words "Prime Minister Daniel Malan, of the Nationalist Government, has adopted a policy of complete segregation for all natives and Indians and eliminated them from the country's legislature."

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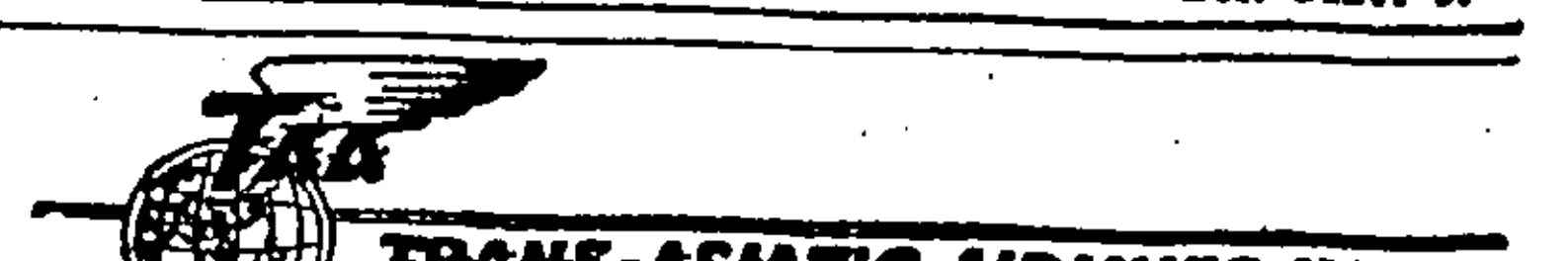
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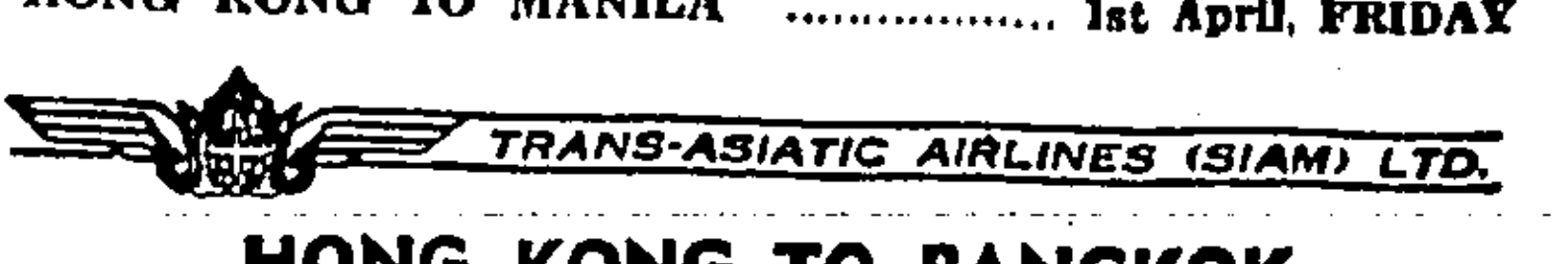
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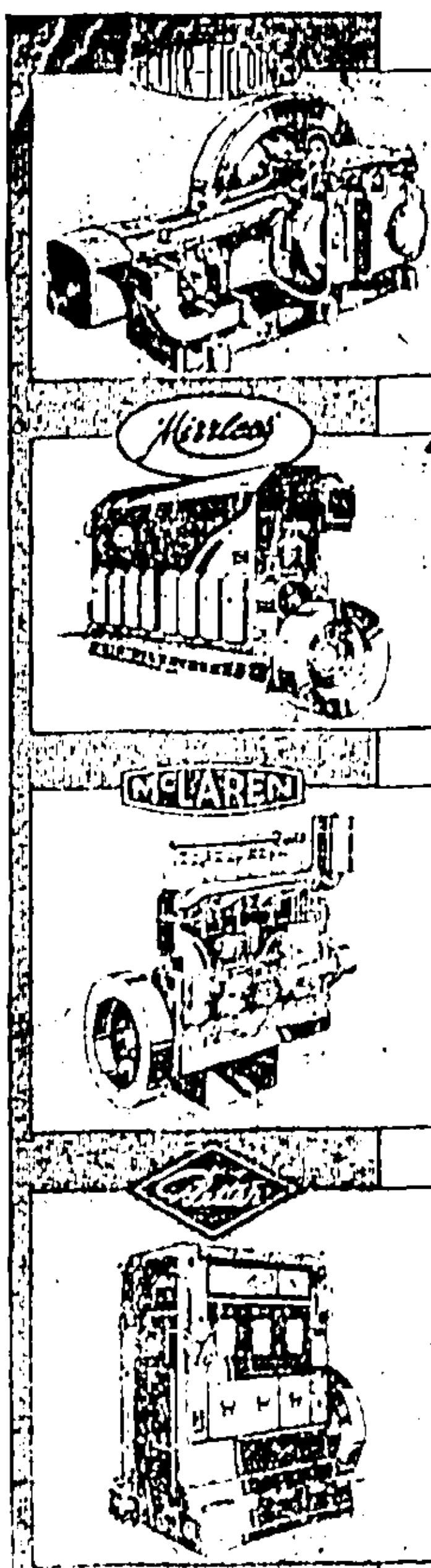
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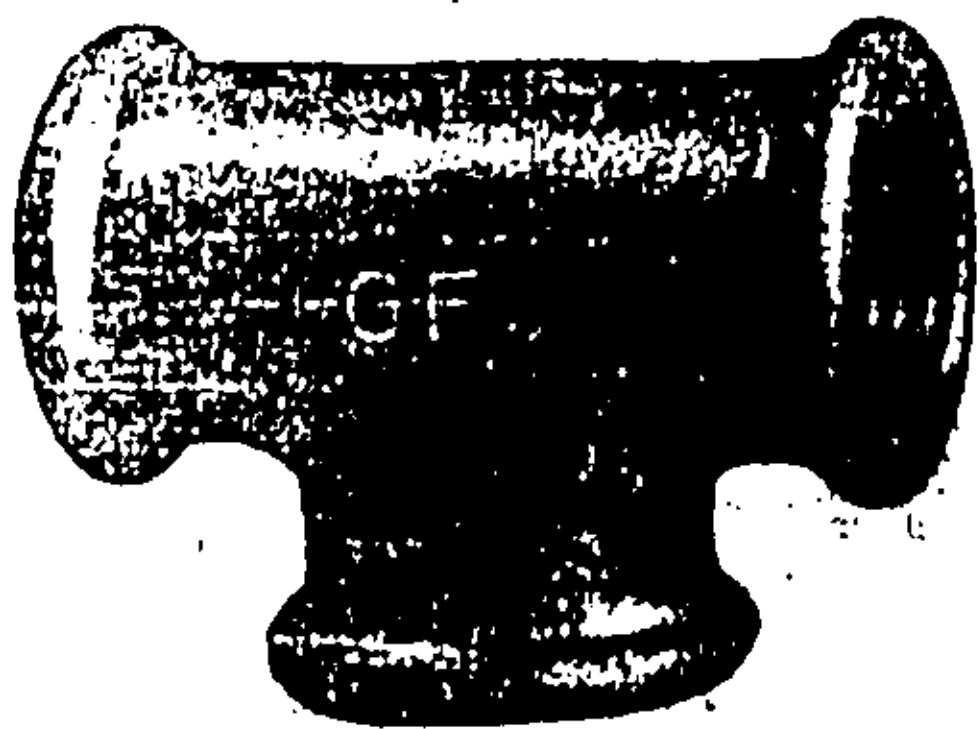
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ENGINEERING PAGE

New British Navigation Aid Device

Britain's Minister of Transport has officially inaugurated the "lane identification" service of the Decca Navigator system at the master station of the English chain at Puckeridge, Hertfordshire.

The new service marks completion of a complex electronic engineering enterprise. Only three years ago it was thought that the incorporation of lane identification would take ten years to accomplish. The technical problems were considered almost insoluble by many experts, chiefly because electronic control of a far higher order was required than had previously been achieved. The system has always employed oscillators at the three "slave" stations which are kept continuously synchronised with one at the "master" station to one thousandth of a microsecond, that is one-thousand-millionth of a second. This apparatus had to be designed to operate automatically 24 hours a day without failure.

The new service makes it possible for ships or aircraft entering the coverage area of the chain to set the meters of their Decca receivers to the correct lane. This had previously been effected only by the use of celestial navigation on clear nights or by the use of other navigational aids where available. In other words, the navigator of a ship or aircraft had to know initially his precise position before he could use the navigator system.

But the facilities now provided will make it possible for the navigator to set his meters when entering the coverage area of the chain and also to check them at approximately one-minute intervals throughout the whole 24 hours of the day as long as he remains within the coverage area. Another Decca chain, centred on Denmark, came into service last October, and it is hoped to provide it with lane identification this year. This chain covers a considerable part of the Western Baltic, the coastal waters of Denmark and together with the English chain, large areas of the North Sea.

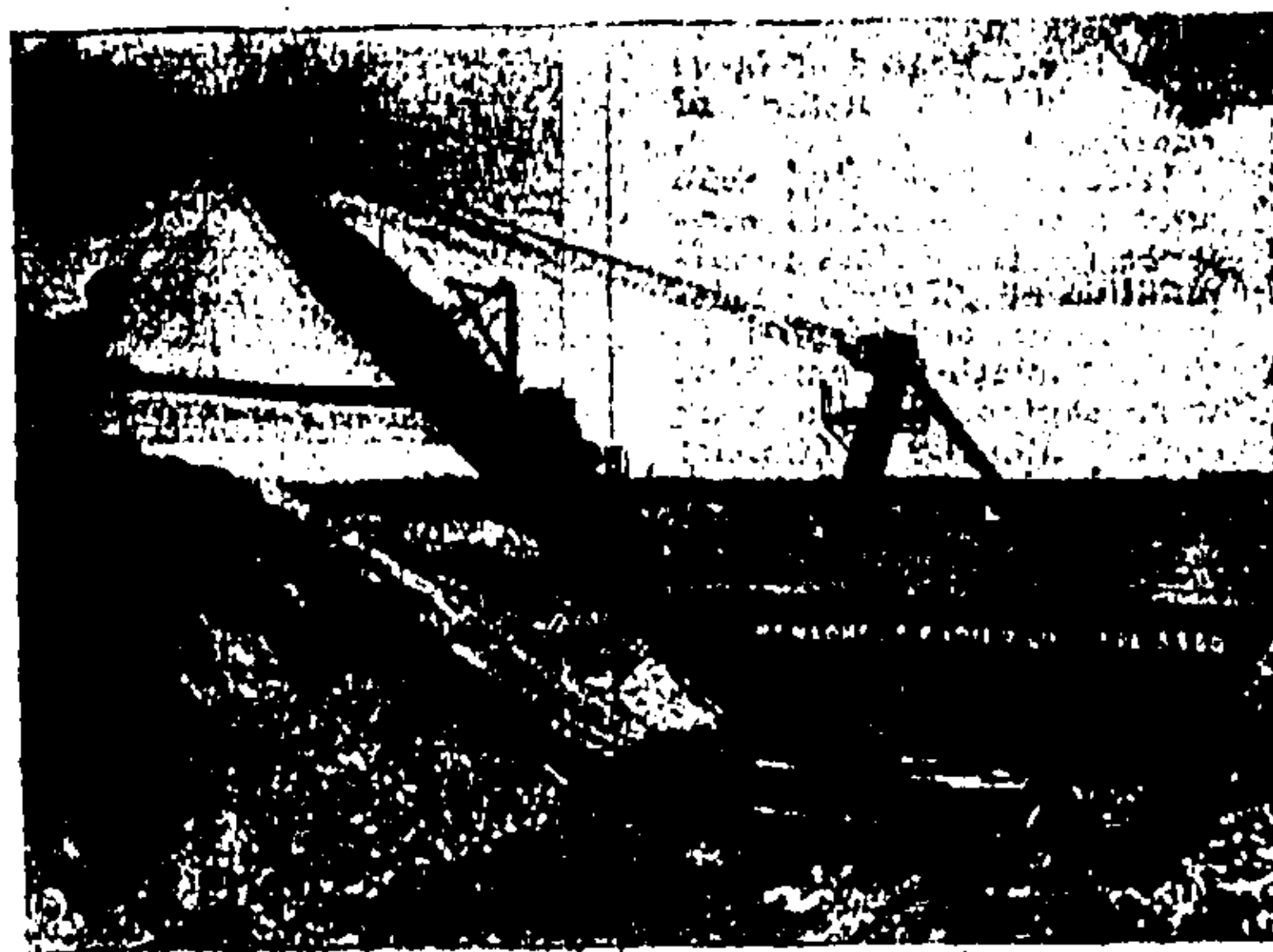
Lanterns Wanted In Asia, Africa

The Union Metal Works, Limited, makers of pressure lanterns, has found an increasing demand for its products in countries in South-East Asia, the Middle East and Africa.

With its general office at 17 Karamally Building, the Union Metal Works factory at 522 Castle Peak Road is turning out 700 lanterns a month. Known as Solar and Unionite brands, these lanterns are of the 200 and 300 candle power varieties.

Capitalised at HK\$1,000,000, the Union Metal Works used to be manufacturers of bicycles before the war. In recent years it has switched to the making of pressure lanterns.

These lanterns, it is claimed, consume less fuel and give more light than similar ones on the market. They are made of heavier gauge brass and are chromium-plated throughout.



9 Cub. Yard Mechanical Shovel fitted with a Radial Pump.

Problem Of Lubrication On Scientific Basis Considered Important

The treatment of the problem of lubrication on a scientific basis is a comparatively modern innovation, but it is now generally accepted as an integral part of engineering practice.

The realisation has come that the lack of a few ounces of grease at the right place and time can cause, through loss of production, a deficit of thousands of pounds and may have repercussions throughout an entire industrial organisation.

This has tended to lead, as much as possible, to the elimination of the human element and its replacement by mechanical systems of lubrication. That the expense of installing these mechanical systems is rapidly covered by economies in man hours can be very simply proved.

As an example—a certain textile mill carried out an investigation on time expended in effecting lubrication of some 500 spinning frames, half of which were lubricated and the other half equipped with centralised lubrication.

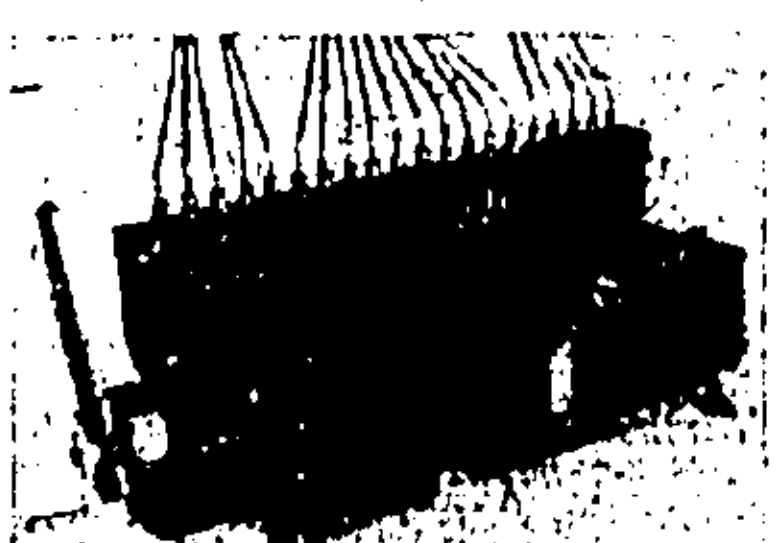
The time required for hand oiling was 48 man hours a week; the time expended in operating centralised lubrication 1½ hours a week; unnecessary time expended—46 and a half man hours a week.

A strong argument is often made that the cheapness of native labour is such as to offset the expense involved in fitting mechanical lubrication. This, of course, is definitely not so as the lower cost of labour, the more prone it is to error and the greater the risk of breakdown due to faulty lubrication.

A great reduction in maintenance costs is achieved where mechanical means are used by reason of the fact that the quantity of lubricant employed is positively measured and any risk of pilferage done away with.

Basic Principle
The basic principle behind all mechanical systems of lubrication consists of a pump—either hand or power operated—delivering an accurately measured quantity of lubricant at a given interval or when required.

A good example of a complete mechanical oil-feed system is shown in the Brentford Mechanical Lubricator. This consists of



A close up of the Brentford lubricator serving 20 points.

from one to 20 units which are driven from a single driving shaft, and fed from a common reservoir.

The amount of lubricant delivered at each stroke per unit can be varied from zero to a maximum of 0.1 oz. while the pump is running. The Brentford Lubricator has been found to be the most suitable apparatus for a number of different applications ranging from excavators and road rollers, through textile machinery of all sorts, harbour pumping plant, items of sugar rolling machinery, numerous iron and steel working plant to heavy mining plant.

As an example of a fully automatic grease feed system, mention might be made of a step forward in the solution of the problem of lubrication of conveyor chains. Small chains can be protected and lubricated by the oil bath method but those which need it most—the large conveyor chains moving at speeds of 60 to 80 feet a minute have presented a very difficult problem.

The solution in this case has been a continuous satellite chain carrying five grease guns running parallel to the conveyor chains. These guns are automatically forced into contact with nipples of the main chain and are re-charged on their return run.

Continuous grease feed is only demanded where extremely high loads are to be supported, for example rolling mill bearings. No oil could maintain the numerous



A 30 inch x 60 inch sugar mill by Blair of Glasgow. Mill and crusher lubricated by Tecalmit "Brentford" mechanical lubricator.

loads which are encountered. Grease is able to keep the bearing surfaces separated during period of maximum loading.

Multipoint Battery

A battery which has been specially designed for the lubrication of heavy duty plant of this nature, such as rolling mill necks, rock crushers etc., is the Multipoint. It consists of a number of cylinders mounted on the main frame with dial gauges indicating the working pressure in the individual lines. An electrically driven Brentford Lubricator is situated at the base and oil pressure from this lubricator is used to force grease through a series of pipelines to its appropriate bearing.

For applications where accuracy down to a very fine limit is required a number of similar types of pump have been developed; for example, the radial grease pump, used extensively on all types of heavy outdoor plant, is capable of collapse under their own weight.

It consists of from one to 20 pump units mounted round the periphery of the pump bed in the grease container and actuated by a worm driven shaft. For the delivery of soft grease or heavy oils at pre-determined intervals to each piece of equipment as cranes and elevators the Line-o-matic System has been produced. By operation of pump, either mechanically or by hand, a charge of grease is dispensed through each injector. The injector then seals itself off against further supply of lubricant, and upon completion of a cycle all injectors return to normal.

For those types of machinery where it is absolutely unnecessary to install any form of mechanical lubrication, a great saving in time and labour has been achieved through the layout of nipples in groups, the nipples themselves being, in fact, remote from the bearing which the lubricant feeds.

We have covered in this survey only a few of the more recent developments in industrial lubrication, those of our readers who would like to know more on this subject are advised to get in touch with the *Leeds* (China) Limited.

Accent On Safety In Industries

Some instruments, recently marketed in Britain, have the primary functions of increasing safety in many industries.

Pilot Engineers Limited, a new subsidiary of Oldham and Son Limited, have designed a new Explosimeter to provide a simple and reliable means of testing the liability to explosion of an atmosphere containing a mixture of inflammable gas or vapour with air or oxygen. This new instrument is particularly suitable for the detection of unsafe concentrations of gases below the surface, in enclosed places or tanks. It will detect and measure concentrations of gas well below the lower explosive limits.

The usefulness of the Explosimeter is greatly enhanced by another new instrument, the Multi-Point Recorder and Alarm System, which provides in a single unit a means whereby information from as many as six remote points can be observed in a central control room.

The new instruments have useful applications not only where inflammable gases or vapours may occur in concentration which may be dangerous from an explosion point of view or toxic to the operating personnel, but also where recovery of solvents is indicated. Here the recorder can be arranged to operate a visible record chart, red, green and amber signal lamps and an audible alarm when the vapour concentration exceeds a predetermined limit.

Another new instrument, the Combustimeter, is for studying the evaporation of inflammable liquids. It has proved an extremely valuable instrument in research work, permitting steady and continuous readings of the relative combustibility of mixtures under investigation. The high sensitivity of the instrument is shown by the fact that it can observe a concentration of less than one part of gas in 10,000 of air.

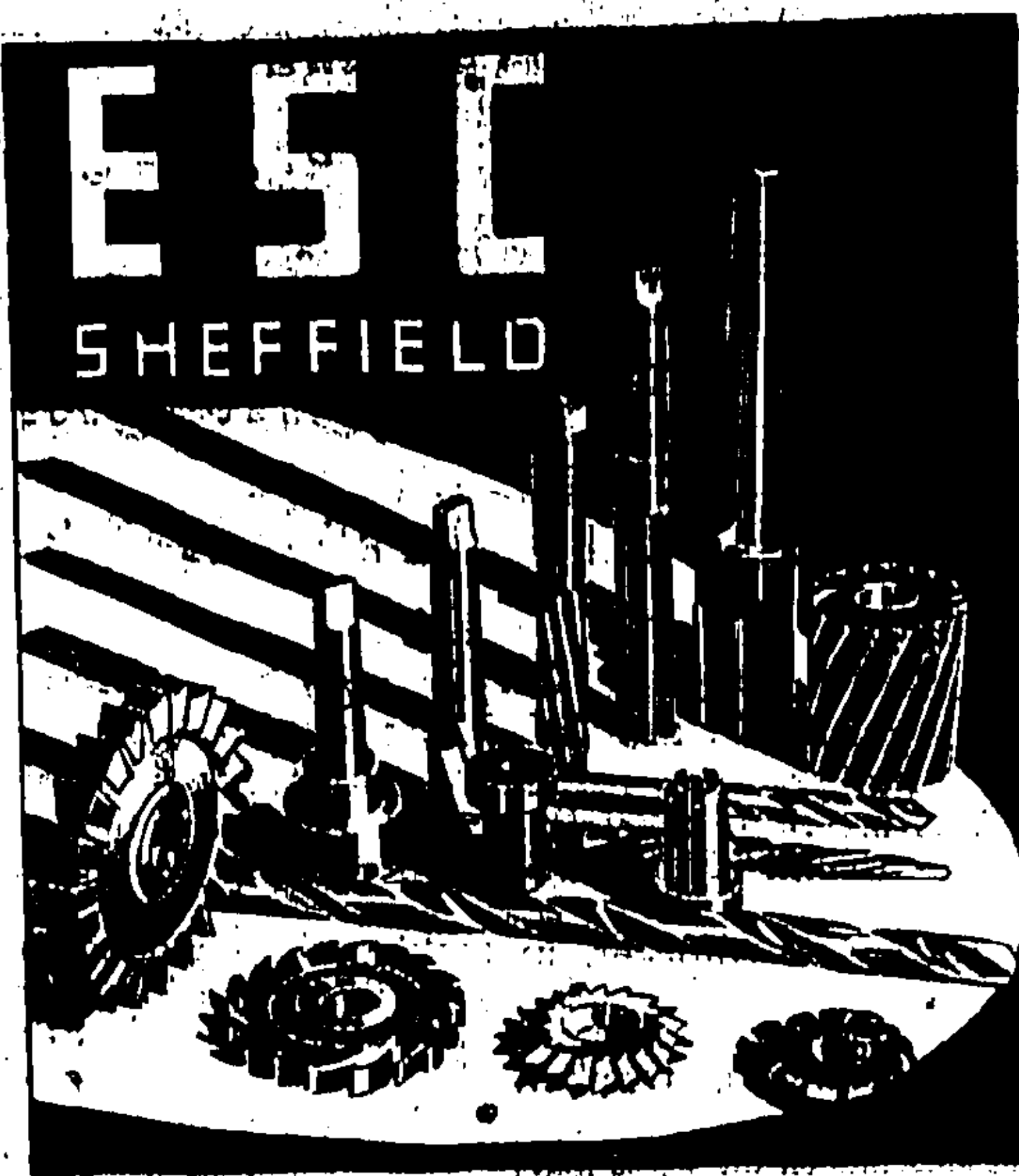
Science And Electronics

Electronics in scientific research has become one of the most lively and fruitful branches of science.

In industry electronics can be used for detecting internal defects in castings, impurities in plastics and textiles, and moisture in stored grain, as well as the presence of harmful rays. Electronics may also be used for many other purposes. Britain's Department of Scientific and Industrial Research has set up an advisory group of experts who are ready to visit firms and assist them where the possibility of using automatic electronic and other equipment in industrial processes has often resulted in remarkable economy.

An electronic timer is to be used in a number of processes, such as lithography, blue-priming, high-frequency welding and induction furnaces, where high accuracy in repetition is essential. It has been placed on the market recently by Electro Methods, Ltd. This apparatus has a time range of one-fourth of a second to 60 seconds, and within these limits smooth control is possible by turning a dial.

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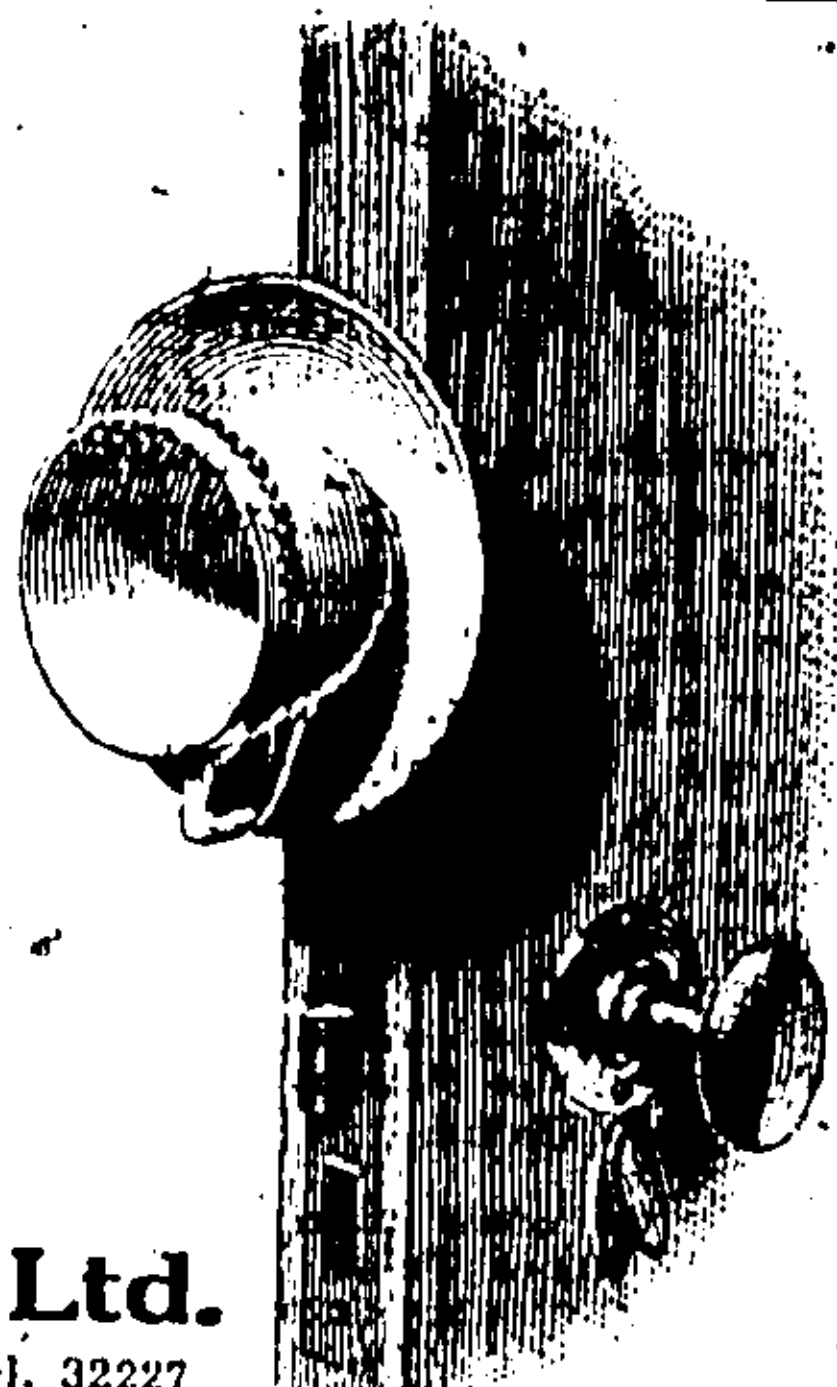
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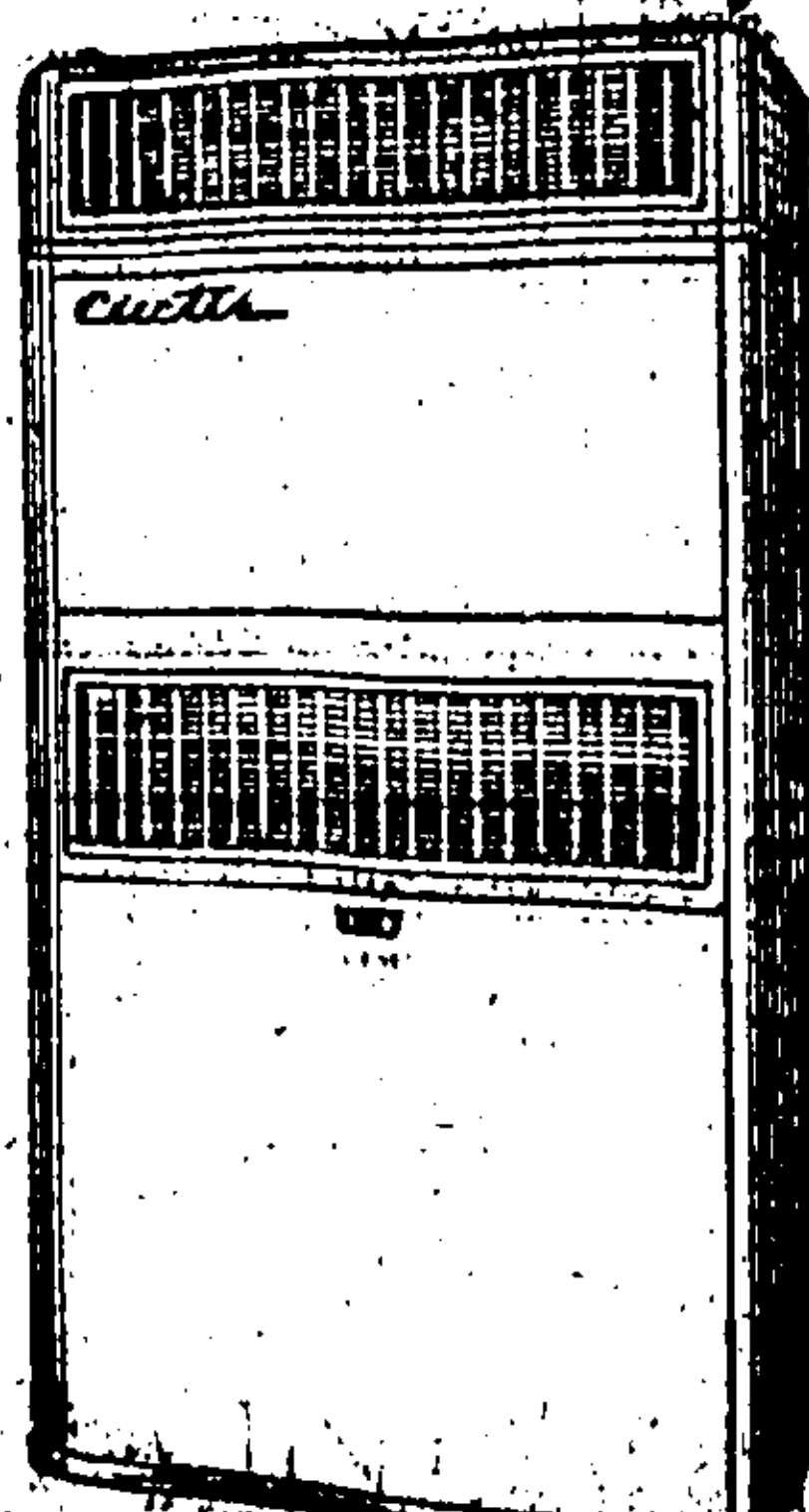
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DEBATE ON BUDGET

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"I submit that it is absolutely disgraceful that such a situation should be allowed to continue and I submit that Government should forthwith discharge its obligations without further delay."

"Though the future is uncertain, certainly world trends and tendencies are clear and unmistakable and they affect Hong Kong."

"These world trends include an ever more clamant demand for social betterment everywhere, which is to be applied, in the midst of an overgrowing conflict between two ideologies, which is deepened. In face of this uncertainty of the future and of these world trends, and on the eve of local constitutional reforms, there is much for the Colony to do. How this work is to be performed must depend on the extent to which all sections of the community can be united. There has never been a greater need than the present for mutual sympathy, understanding and tolerance."

"The time for snobbery, for racial discrimination, as long passed. It is the time for unity of outlook and aspirations and unity in effort."

In conclusion, I would like to quote from General Eisenhower's book (page 520) an extract as a striking expression of the implication of the world to which all sections of the community can be united. There has never been a greater need than the present for mutual sympathy, understanding and tolerance."

"The areas in which freedom flourishes will continue to shrink unless the supporters of democracy match Communism fanatism with clear and common understanding that the freedom of men is at stake; meet Communist regimented unity with the voluntary unity of common purpose, even though this may mean a sacrifice of some measure of nationalistic pretensions; and, above all, appeal to the hungry, the oppressed, with practical measures, untiringly prosecuted for the elimination of social and economic evils that set men against men."

DR. S. N. CHAU
Distribution Of Rice Not Satisfactory

Dr. S. N. Chau said that the Colony was still very much handicapped by the lack of many necessary things, in spite of the "astounding increase" in the Estimates.

"The outstanding feature was the exceptional high cost of administration. Much was expected of the efficiency expert to bring about drastic trimming down of unnecessary expenditure and the weeding out of non-essential and superfluous personnel. This overhauling and reorganisation were long overdue."

Greater revenue did not mean greater wealth. It contained grants from London and sources of income which it would be maintained indefinitely.

"Reduced to terms of annual contribution per head, Government's revenue averages nearly \$100 per capita of population. For an average family of five this would mean \$500."

"It is true this is not a correct indication of the sum paid in taxes by each poor family but it does give an overall picture, and stresses the fact that we are dangerously near the limits of the Colony's capacity to pay."

"We must be prepared for drastic pruning in our disbursements to meet possible, mid-even probable heavy reduction in Government's income."

The Financial Secretary's references to Miscellaneous Services did not satisfy the public. This was not the only head which failed to explain itself, and the extremely high recurrent expenditure made the Budget far from healthy.

"Failure to curb the tendency to allow pensions to eat so heavily into the Colony's assets will ultimately carry Hong Kong into bankruptcy. We have no right to be prodigal with funds which future generations will be called upon to pay."

Assessment Rates

"The Assessment rates in Hong Kong were allocated, at one time, for definite expenditure, a certain percentage for public lighting, another for water supply, another for the police, etc., but that is all done away with now. Though the percentages were so shown, the money went into General Revenue, and at no time levying of expenditure set directly against the percentage of rates theoretically collected on that account. Revenue is lumped together, funds are drawn to pay for whatever it pleases Government to allocate, and the community gets little indication for what purpose any specific form of taxation is collected."

For instance, the provision of parking space for motor cars is a general charge upon public funds, with no provision that motor cars are paying a corresponding tax to defray the cost entailed in providing for the convenience enjoyed by those best able to afford this. Other instances of this policy could be given. The 'lumping' therefore involves a purely fictitious and misleading allocation. However, it may be as well to express the hope that the public will not at some future date be deprived of any rights based in the separate rates (e.g. a free allowance of water) now that such right is enjoyed has been lost. The efficiency expert will, I hope, look into this matter."

"A great deal has been said about the allocation of funds to build quarters for Government servants, and this Council has been called upon to approve enormous votes for this purpose. It is indeed regrettable that in making provision for quarters, Government has done little, if anything, to assist all sections of Government employees in proportion to their numbers. A move has now been made to house the police. This is to be commended, for without a degree of contentment it is doubtful whether the enormous sums being spent on Security will produce tangible results. I hope that Government will announce what plans have been formulated to provide in the early future housing for the many classes of Government employees who have many grievances (including housing) which have not been redressed."

"It is to be deplored, also, that no provision can be made for a Civic Centre in Hong Kong, although the building which once served as such, and the cost of which was defrayed by public subscription by the city fathers nearly a century ago was removed and the site sold by Gov-

ernment for a very considerable sum. Perhaps Government can make some small provision whereby the public, which has little enough of its own, can be provided with a portion, at least, of the amenities that have been taken away from it."

"Much has been made of the trade of this Colony, and it is obvious that a great deal of the Colony's prosperity has derived from this source, and from the growing industries, regarding which such pleasant comments have been made. Although our industries are a permanent asset, the same cannot be said of some of the trade which is being conducted at the present time."

"A disquieting feature is the utter lack of buoyancy in our investment market, whether shares or property be considered as such. This shows a lack of confidence in the commercial future of Hong Kong, and since trade alone might tend to be inflationary due thought should be given to this feature of our economy."

A Paradox

"Paradoxically, there is a curious contradiction between our trade and our investment market, and unless some sort of equilibrium is attained, there is no reason to be unduly elated over our present position. This, in turn, will naturally be reflected in the Estimates of future years."

"In the midst of all this talk of prosperity and a record Budget, it is useful at times to take heed of other things that matter. We want to see our industrial position strengthened, and in this connection our public utilities can contribute. We might have, for instance, some sort of radio-telephonic services connecting isolated districts, which might tend to become industrial centres, but which are handicapped by lack of these services. Such conveniences would do much to promote the spreading out of development, of which we see signs in the North of England, and Government's attention to this is likely to bring about even greater interest by factory owners in the possibilities of Hong Kong as an industrial centre."

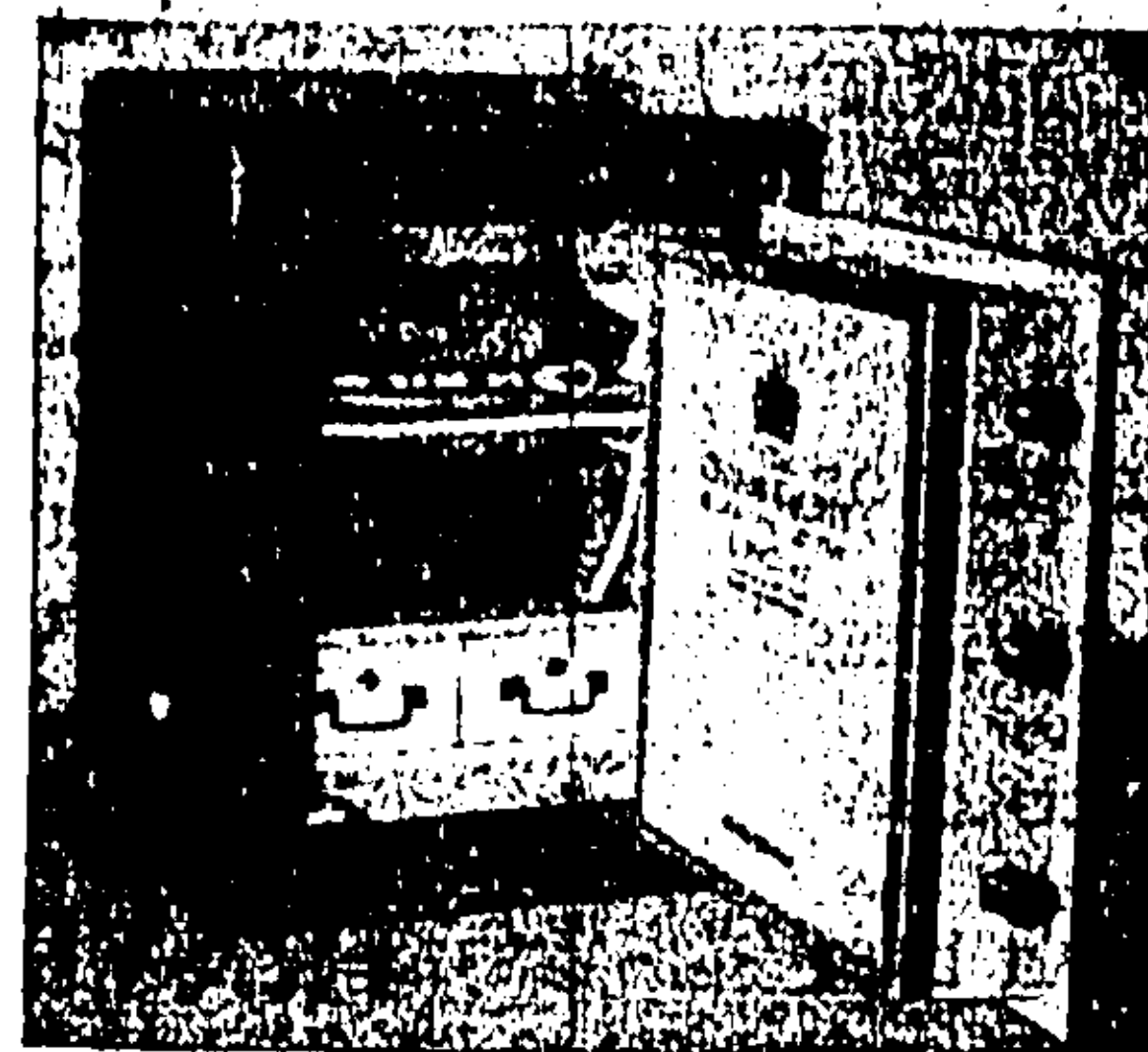
Dr. Chau regretted the lack of provision for the Mental Home. The Institution required replacement, he said.

Dr. Chau said the time had come for Government to consider the recontrolling of rice and its return to free enterprise.

"Rice, as a staple food of a great portion of the people of Asia and the Far East, is under an allocation system through a central governing body in South East Asia, but I can see no reason why the rice dealers should not be entrusted with the work of importing this cereal, the official allocation of which can be handled by the dealers."

"Existing methods of allocation and distribution of rice are not at all satisfactory. Rationed rice is generally of varying qualities, sometimes good, occasionally satisfactory but often inferior—so inferior that many ration-ticket holders do not care to apply for their rations."

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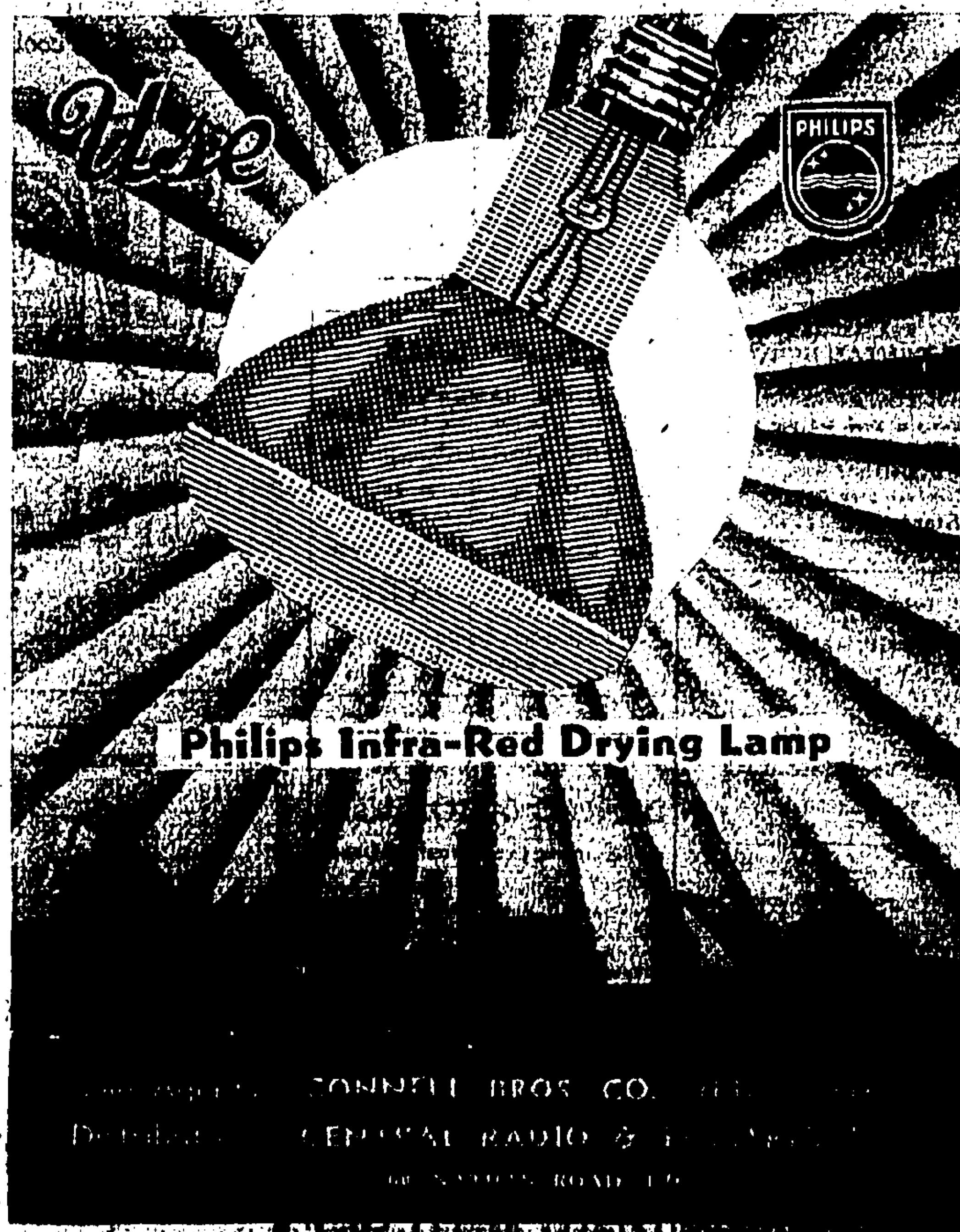
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Japs Not Resisting Birth Control Plan

Tokyo, March 29.
General Douglas MacArthur's population expert
today denied that beginning April 1 the sale of
contraceptives for the purpose of birth control
would be legal throughout Japan.

Such sales were permitted officially until now only
for the prevention of disease.

Military Aid To Philippines

Washington, March 30.
High U.S. military sources
said yesterday that Chief of
Staff General Omar Bradley
and other members of the Com-
bined Chiefs of Staff are con-
sidering further military assist-
ance to the Philippines.

However, no decisions have been
reached thus far, they added.
One source said General Albert
Jones, Chief of the American
Combined Military Mission in the
Philippines, has made recommen-
dations on the Republic's military
needs to the Army's high officials.
General Jones is now in Washing-
ton.

"General Jones made recommen-
dations according to his views of
the island's needs and capacity to
maintain military establishments,"
said the source, who declined to
be named.

"General Jones' recommen-
dations also were made in the light
of the world wide obligations of the
United States and its military
commitments."

The source denied Manila rum-
ours that decisions have been
made on what future assistance
the United States is going to ex-
tend the Philippines military.

"Philippines aid is part and
parcel of global considerations,"
the source continued. "What de-
cisions on island requests or when
they will be made is not possible
to determine presently."

The Army indicated that Gen-
eral Jones will remain here until
April 16, when his duty as Chief
of the Philippine Mission expires.
What duty he will assume there-
after appears uncertain.

General Jones has indicated he
is considering retirement. Lieu-
tenant Colonel M. E. Sparks, Gen-
eral Jones' aide, indicated he pro-
bably will return to Manila short-
ly.—Associated Press.

Dr. Warren Thompson, who is
director of the Scripps Founda-
tion of Population Research,
said while the sale of contracep-
tives was strongly opposed by
the Japanese Government fol-
lowing the Manchurian Incident
of 1931, no effort was made
after the war to carry out the
law.

There is at present a concerted
campaign for the dissemination
of birth control information
throughout the country. Radio
programmes devote time to ex-
plaining the kinds of contracep-
tives and instructions on how to
use them.

Educational Films

Educational films on birth
control are shown in movie
theatres. Contraceptive ad-
vertising is appearing for the
first time in the Japanese press.
While one small magazine
editorialized that birth control
would bring about the downfall
of the Japanese race, most news-
papers support the birth control
programme as one means of cop-
ing with Japan's growing popu-
lation.

Dr. Thompson said: "I have
seen no evidence of the Japanese,
privately or officially, fighting the
dissemination of birth control in-
formation."—United Press.

Landlord Took The Stairs

Paris, March 30.
Residents of a four-storey
apartment building in the well-
to-do South Western section of
Paris were leaving and entering
their homes today by a tempo-
rary staircase, installed by the
police to replace the one torn
down by the landlord on Satur-
day.

The landlord claimed he had
to make urgent repairs. Tenants
maintained that the landlord was
trying to force them to move so
that he could sell their apart-
ments.

Until the police arrived with
timber, hammers and nails late
yesterday, the residents of the
three upper floors were being
supplied with food hauled up in
baskets.—Associated Press.

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ELECTIONS IN N. KOREA

London, March 30.
The Soviet news agency
Tass reported today North
Korea will hold elections of
provincial, regional and
municipal people's committees
tomorrow.

In a dispatch from Pyong-
yang, seat of the Russian-
sponsored North Korean re-
gime, Tass said 728 provincial
and 5,256 regional and
municipal candidates had re-
gistered—15 per cent of them
women.

The news agency said the
candidates represent workers,
peasants, office workers, in-
tellectuals, merchants' em-
ployees and artisans.—Asso-
ciated Press.

Search For Grave Robbers

Berlin, March 29.
The Western Berlin police to-
day appealed for public help to
track down a gang of "ghouls"
alleged to have been plundering
graves for gold teeth and
platinum dentures to sell on the
black market.

The public have been asked
to report anyone trying to sell
gold teeth or platinum dentures.
The police said the gang, which
has been operating for two years,
had increased its activities in
West Berlin cemeteries in the
past four months.

It is believed that loot from
about 50 corpses has still to be
disposed of. The grave robbing
began in 1945, when unknown
thieves broke into the vault of
the baby damask Protestant Gar-
rison Church and took valuable
jewellery from the bodies of
members of the Lichtenzoller
family, including the former
German emperor—and famous
Prussian generals.—Reuter.

POPE RECEIVES ANTHONY EDEN

Rome, March 29.
Pope Pius received Mr. Anthony
Eden, former British Foreign
Secretary, in a 20-minute private
audience today.—United Press.

MINORITY TO CALL FOR AID TO CHINA

Washington, March 29.
Two separate minority reports demanding all-out
aid for the democratic forces in China will be
filed in the House of Representatives within
the next few days.

The first is being prepared by Representatives John
Vorys (Republican, Ohio) and Walter Judd
(Republican, Minnesota).

They intend to protest against
the piecemeal passage of
foreign aid legislation and urge
that full military and economic
aid be afforded the Nationalist
Government in China.

However, two other members
of the minority, James Fulton
and Jacob Javits, want aid to go
to any independent and democratic
elements in China rather than
just to the Nationalists and they
want to emphasize economic
rather than military support.

Both minority reports will be
filed shortly as minority views
in the House bill extending ECA
and the bill authorising spending
during the coming year of money
appropriated for China in the last
session.

The overall minority com-
plaint hinges on the action of
the House Committee in re-
porting the bills separately
rather than in the "one pack-
age" measure which was adopt-
ed under Republican leader-
ship last year.

Three Schools

A Committee member told the
United Press that the following
three schools of thought are in
disagreement in committee:

1. The Democratic majority
which, he said, does not want to
approve any aid bill until after
peace negotiations have been
concluded between the Nation-
alist Government and the Chi-
nese Communists.

2. The Vorys-Judd group
which wants military and econ-
omic aid for the Nationalist forces.

3. The Fulton-Javits con-
tinent, which places emphasis on
economic aid and expresses its
desire to furnish such aid to any
non-Communist group in China,
whether Government or other-
wise.

The majority report on China
favoured extending aid to China

DELEGATES TO AIR TARIFFS

London, March 30.
Representatives of the Com-
monwealth will meet in London
on Thursday to discuss Com-
monwealth tariffs.

Mr. Harold Wilson, the Pres-
ident of the Board of Trade,
will probably address the dele-
gates from India, Pakistan, Aus-
tralia, New Zealand, Ceylon,
South Africa, Southern Rhodesia
and Britain, on the opening day,
an official statement said.

The discussions are expected
to last until April 5. They will
be in preparation for the Inter-
national Trade Conference, open-
ing at Annecy, France, near the
Swiss frontier, on April 14.

There, the present 23 con-
tracting parties to the General
Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
will negotiate tariff reductions
with 12 newly-joining coun-
tries.

At the London discussions, the
Commonwealth representatives
will make preliminary decisions
about what concessions they can
grant to the new members of
GATT.

Decisions, for example, will
have to be made on tariffs which
can be cut by one member with-
out seriously injuring the trade
of any other member of the
Commonwealth.

Sweden, Finland and Denmark
are the three countries newly
adjoining to the GATT, with
which the Commonwealth will
be chiefly concerned in negotia-
ting tariff reductions at Annecy,
an authoritative source said.

Some negotiations could also be
expected with two other Euro-
pean new-comers, Italy and
Greece.

No further tariff concessions,
beyond those agreed at Geneva
in 1947, are to be negotiated at
Annecy between the present
members of the General Agree-
ment on Tariffs and Trade.—
Reuter.

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"FOYANG"	Saligon & Bangkok	5 p.m. 6th Apr.
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"SHENGKING"	Shanghai	4 p.m. 8th Apr.
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"WUSUEH"	HK/MACAO	MACAO/HK
	8.30 a.m. 1st Apr.	6.30 p.m. 3rd Apr.
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Arrivals from

"TITAN"	U.K. via Straits	31st Mar.
"ASTYANAX"	U.K. via Straits	3rd Apr.
"EUMAEUS"	U.K. via Straits & Manila	9th Apr.
"CALCHAS"	U.K. via Straits	14th Apr.
"STENTOR"	U.K. via Straits & Manila	20th Apr.
"ANTENOR"	U.K. via Straits & Manila	26th Apr.

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Arrivals from

"CHANGTE"	Australia	19th Apr.
"SHANSI"	Australia & Manila	21st Apr.

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Dr. Chau, who turned to Kai Tak which, he said, was not suitable as a first-class and major air traffic centre. The sooner they started building the proposed new aerodrome the better it would be for the Colony. He welcomed the allocation of \$50,000,000 for development of a more suitable airport.

Dr. Chau expressed concern at the lack of educational facilities. He was anxious to see the early opening of more schools to cope with the demand for education. Education was still a small percentage of the total expenditure.

Technical Schools

He would like to see more technical schools and the improvement of existing ones. If the standard of local manufacture and production was to be maintained and improved, they must take early steps to replenish the ranks depleted by the losses during the war.

Dr. Chau complimented Government on improving social conditions in the New Territories. Farmers there should be encouraged to produce more food. Food production should go hand in hand with the proposed defence scheme, as it was of equal importance to the Colony in times of crisis.

He urged Government to encourage the building of more residential quarters in the New Territories to relieve overcrowding. The present annual Crown Rent of \$500 per acre for an average acceptable lot was a serious deterrent to prospective residents.

Dr. Chau pointed out the "anomaly" that war taxation of medicaments was still in force, taxing equally upon rich and poor, whereas luxury articles, ranging from plastic ornaments to playing cards, went free. Dr. Chau concluded with a reference to the necessity for appointing Game Wardens to protect and conserve wild life.

MR. LEO D'ALMADA

Delay in Ferry Pier Question

Mr. Leo d'Almada criticised Government for its dilatoriness in dealing with the ferry pier question. Owing to its failure in announcing a decision the Star Ferry Company was unable to improve its service.

The congestion every morning at the ferry pier in Kowloon was disgraceful, said Mr. d'Almada. This was quite understandable when it was remembered that the pier was built when the population was only a quarter of its present size.

It has been said a decision could not be reached pending the report of Sir Patrick Abercrombie. There was also the possibility of a reclamation of the foreshore extending from the VRC to the Vehicular Ferry Wharf, and the railway station at Tsimshatsui might also have to be moved.

All these, said Mr. d'Almada, did not affect the main purpose of the Star Ferry service, namely, that it should be run between two nearest points on either side of the harbour.

Mr. d'Almada discounted the advisability of reclamation work on the foreshore, as this point was already the narrowest and busiest on the Hong Kong side, and extension should rather be towards the War Department land.

There was also the need for decentralisation, the area being already over-congested.

The Star Ferry Company should be advised how they stand as early as possible, so they might go ahead improving their service, said Mr. d'Almada.

On the subject of decentralisation Mr. d'Almada suggested a tunnel at Lyemun Pass, the narrowest point between the island and the mainland. Such a cross-harbour passage would encourage dispersion of the population on both sides of the harbour.

Red Tape

Mr. d'Almada welcomed the appointment of an efficiency expert though he doubted whether he could do much, unless he was a miracle man. At any rate his recommendations should serve as a guidance for future expenditure.

Red tape in Government was then attacked by Mr. d'Almada, who suggested that the efficiency expert should begin his investigation along this line to see how much red tape in Government department could be cut out. He instigated the printing of Police Department stationery which has to go through the Stores Department in Wanchai, and then to the printers in Stanley. This going back and forth must inevitably entail loss of time and congestion of traffic.

Professional men were registered and he saw no reason why business houses should not be likewise treated.

In addition to yielding a fair amount of revenue and proving useful for statistical purposes, the measure would be a check on the mushroom firms which appeared and disappeared like the morning dew.

MR. M. M. WATSON

Landlord and Tenant Ordinance

Mr. M. M. Watson said that the Security Estimates were formidable and that if this and other sums were to be found we must forego some of the projects which had been suggested.

Mr. Watson opposed the view that money and efforts spent in the direction of the Defence Force be diverted to civilian bodies as being more appropriate to the Colony.

A strong and efficient police force was essential but a police force was meant to work with the civilian elements of Government.

It might be necessary to take extraordinary steps to protect vital points and services, a task which, he said, was not to come within the ordinary duties of the police.

The time might come when the efforts of the civilian police should be supplemented by the potential armed force that would be available from the Defence Force. Mr. Watson referred to 1922 when armed pickets on the Pkay, he said, preserved the peace on the island.

"A strong Defence Force is underwriting a risk in these times which exists as much as the risk of epidemic."

Mr. Watson repeated his observation of last year that the efficiency expert investigating the machinery of government would be more effective if he operated from London and "did not come under the charm of the head of the various departments of Government."

No one could complain of the scale of salaries for Government servants but their number required the expert's attention. He was far from happy at the proposal that at which salaries and incidentals had been provided. A more economic policy must be enforced.

Mr. Watson referred to the increase in indirect taxation as a "painless extraction."

He supported the proposal that capital expenditure should be financed from current revenue. If it was possible, and necessary, out of current revenue to finance capital projects, there could be nothing the matter with the Colony's credit and ordinary business practices should be adopted.

Mr. Watson then spoke on the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance. Although a measure of expediency, he felt it should still be treated on principle and suggestions of changing the law to meet hard cases should be avoided.

Mutual Advantage

"It would be to the mutual advantage of landlord and tenant to be free to meet their own needs instead in many cases of the present hole and corner arrangements which it is notorious are taking place."

"If the sitting tenant is protected, and at this stage, taking a broad view, there does not seem to be any necessity to look beyond him, what is the objection to allowing him to improve his position if it appeals to him by taking a long lease or that a landlord, being properly in possession of his premises, should not make an agreement which, in the case of the less reputable, is now made in defiance of the law?"

"One very much sympathises with the complaints regarding the really exorbitant rents and premia which are asked for and it is difficult to see an equitable course to take in view of the original definite exclusion of these premises from all control."

"On the other hand it is galling to the ordinary citizen and to the professional man to find themselves in the one case by one arm of the law unable to obtain a home on reasonable terms in the other case by the other arm of the law prevented from renting his premises on what he considers reasonable terms."

"As the present state of affairs regarding accommodation is apparently static, these questions might be reconsidered in the light of present circumstances."

Mr. Watson turned to the proposed Municipal Council. If the question of the franchise of any elected assembly was given particular consideration, this seemed to him to be the first consideration.

Mr. Watson closed by saying that the question of the night air was as much in the air as it was a year ago. He hoped Government would do everything to forward the matter and make Hong Kong as important in the air as it was on the sea.

MR. P. S. CASSIDY

Enlightening The Public

Mr. P. S. Cassidy said he saw no reason why future generations should be charged with part of the cost of our permanent structures and public works. He suggested that many items in the Estimates should properly be charged to Loan Account.

The Colony had a good clean record of public debt and many Crown Colonies had a debt far greater in proportion to revenue than Hong Kong's. He felt that we should be allowed to spread our capital expenditure over a term of years.

It was deplorable that big transactions were carried out in relation to the City Hall site with every cent disappearing into the Treasury. The proceeds of the sales should have been marked for a new civic centre.

Mr. Cassidy referred to the Public Relations Office as "the Cinderella of Government."

No one took the slightest interest in it, and we were 50 years behind the times in the case of Public Relations.

"What is the use of talking about giving the public a bigger share of responsibility for its government if nothing is done to enlighten it? With proper support the PRO could do a great deal to foster an interest in the democratic way of life."

The PRO should have access to all information available up to the highest levels.

It was a pity that the Government realised that a revolution has taken place since the liberation. The community is no longer content to leave everything to the men at the top. They want to know. And they have a right to know.

"You now have a far wider interest being taken in public affairs. Westernised Chinese have increased very appreciably. Locally-born residents now include many who, by reason of the war, have seen the world outside Hong Kong."

Our European community has been reinforced by newcomers who are no longer juniors. Many have been used to life in the International Settlement of Shanghai which, if not a democracy, was freer than the stifling atmosphere of Crown Colony Administration.

"I therefore plead for recognition of the fact that you now have a far greater proportion of the intelligentsia than you ever had before, and I hope the PRO will be provided with the funds necessary to carry out his duties effectively."

"The Government have no reason to be unhappy with their policy since the liberation but they would have got far wider support for it if they had taken the trouble to be more explicit as to their aims."

Mr. Cassidy said Chinese press comment on the Atlantic Pact was a 5 cents each. Copies of the Colony's Annual Report for 1948, (Price \$5.00) are on sale at the General Post Office and Central Post Office, Kowloon.

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Reds Cross FIC Border

Hanoi, March 29.

About thirty dead were reported today after Chinese Communist forces crossed the Indo-Chinese border and attacked the town of Moncay.

The Communists were said still to be holding part of the town and official French sources announced that fighting is still going on.

Moncay is in the extreme North East corner of Tonkin, part of French Indo-China. French reinforcements were sent to the rescue of the defending local force, which was reported besieged in the fort. Some wounded were evacuated by air.

French authorities recently reported there has been increased co-operation between the Chinese Communists and supporters of Moscow trained by Ho Chi Minh, whose followers have been fighting the French for two years in Indo-China. — Associated Press.

JUMBLE SALE

A jumble sale in aid of the swimming pool fund, was held by the Ladies Recreation Club at the St. John's Cathedral Hall yesterday.

A large quantity of old clothing and shoes, contributed by Club members and their friends, was displayed at the sale.

At the closing of the sale, most of the goods were practically sold for a total of about \$600.

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MAIL NOTICE

Outward Mails

With effect from April 1, 1949, the postage for local letters and postcards will be increased as follows:—
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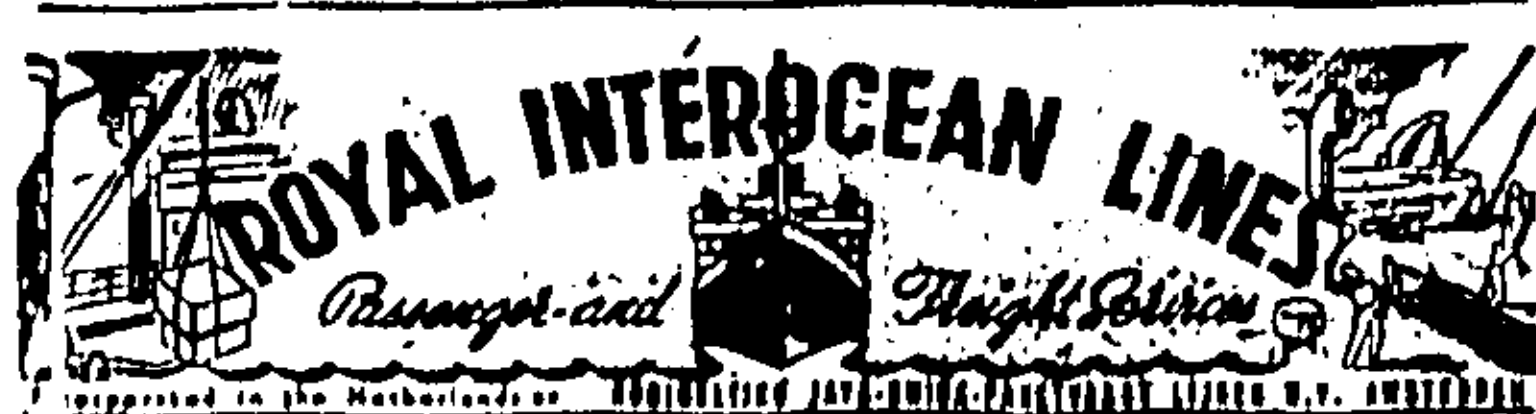
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Ship	From	To	Arrival	Departure
"TJISADANE"	In port	to Manila	31st March	11 a.m.
"TJIBADAK"	from Macassar	to Shanghai	2nd April	
	from Macassar	to Japan	1st April	
"TJITJALENGKA"	from Macassar	to Shanghai	14th April	
	from Macassar	to Japan	14th April	

HONGKONG-MANILA-CHINA SERVICE

"TANMAN"	from Manila	to Hongkong	20th April
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SUMATRA-MALAYA-CHINA SERVICE

Ship	From	To	Arrival	Departure
"VAN HEUTS"	from Amoy	to Straits	2nd April	
"VAN RIEMSDIJK"	from B. Dell	to Straits	8th April	

ASIA-AFRICA-S. AMERICA SERVICE

Ship	From	To	Arrival	Departure
"STRAAT SOENDA"	from Japan	to East & South Africa	31st March	
"BOISSEVAIN"	from South America	to East & South Africa	10th April	
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PROVISIONAL BUDGET DECISION FOR JAPAN

Tokyo, March 30.

The Japanese Government won a round in its fight with financial experts of General MacArthur's Headquarters over the new budget, which Japanese politicians do not like.

According to Japanese political circles, Japanese cabinet officials today wrangled out of General MacArthur's economic experts, permission to draft a provisional 15-day budget for the period April 1 to 15.

Previously, General MacArthur's Headquarters had insisted upon a balanced 1949-50 budget immediately toward putting Japan on a self-supporting economic basis.

The concession which the Japanese won today will permit them to carry on further negotiations over the budget which the Allies say must put the country on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Japanese political observers consider today's concession from General MacArthur's Headquarters as a great face-saver for the Premier, Shigeru Yoshida's, Democratic Liberal Party.

The Japanese Government, guided by Yoshida's party, which has an absolute majority in the Diet, had been holding up the budget for more than a month. It should go into effect on April 1, but has not yet been submitted to the Diet.

Lower Taxes

Yoshida's party leaders object to the American-ordered budget because under it they will not be able to meet their campaign promises for lower taxes.

Until today, SCAP's economic officials, headed by the Detroit banker, Mr. Joseph M. Dodge, had been standing pat.

For two weeks Japanese Government officials have been making daily trips to conferences with General MacArthur's officials, including Mr. Dodge, who recently named special financial adviser to the Supreme Commander and charged with getting Japan's economy on its feet.

Also, during the past fortnight the Japanese have made it plain through statements in their press that the Allies alone are responsible for a balanced budget and should be blamed if the politicians cannot reduce taxes.

Budget Estimate

A top American economic official, commenting on these Japanese campaign promises, said: "They were just absurd and the Japanese politicians knew it all the time."

The 15-day provisional budget totals 37,000,000,000 yen.

The new budget is estimated to total 700,000,000,000 yen—about 250,000,000,000 yen.

Cabinet officials pleaded with General MacArthur's Headquarters that a provisional budget was necessary in order to pay Government employees and meet other Governmental expenses.—United Press.

LISBON STOPS UK IMPORTS

London, March 29.

Portugal's decision to ban all imports from Britain except coal, iron and steel, was said by an authoritative source here tonight to be more dramatic than the situation warranted, writes Reuter's financial correspondent.

Although the Anglo-Portuguese trade and financial talks were interrupted in Lisbon 10 days ago, officials here considered that a satisfactory agreement between Portugal and Britain could be reached soon and they did not think it was necessary for Portugal to stop the import of British goods.

If the stoppage goes on long enough, it is thought, Britain might have to limit her imports from Portugal to absolute essentials.—Reuter.

LONDON STOCKS

London, March 30.

The stock market closed with a firm tone as the present trading account ended. Small gains were widespread throughout the industrial group and oils improved after a dull start.

Kaffirs were again in demand at higher levels. The new account starts today (Wednesday) and will run for three weeks.

Financial Times index: 113.2.—Associated Press.

Refined Cane Sugar Price Up

New York, March 30.

Most United States refineries will increase the price of refined cane sugar from 7.85 cents a pound to 8.10 cents, effective Wednesday.

The increase will follow Monday's advance of raw sugar prices to 5.60 cents a pound, a new high for 1949 and the highest price since last summer on sales to operators.

The new price of refined sugar will be the refiners' price to wholesalers, manufacturers and large chain retailers and is on a basis of 100-pound bulk bags F.O.B. East, Gulf and West Coast ports. A few refiners are raising the price to only eight cents.

The increased price was attributed to the fact that the Government fixed the 1949 sugar quota at 7,250,000 short tons, whilst current estimates are that demand will exceed that figure by a substantial amount.—Associated Press.

SCHUMACHER TO IGNORE VIEWS

Frankfurt, March 29.

Dr. Kurt Schumacher declared today that the Allied recommendations for the German constitution would be temporary. Germany, he said, had the right to elect a sovereign government and would ignore the Allied views.

Schumacher, fiery head of the dominant Social Democratic, commenting on the Allied criticism of the Bonn Constitutional Assembly, said the Allies could take it or leave it.—United Press.

Money Market

Gold moved up a little yesterday though the tendency was still quiet.

Opening at HK\$311.37 1/2 a tael, it reached \$313.25 at the 10th interval, but eased off to \$312.75 at the close.

US dollars opened at HK\$5.23 1/2 and closed at \$5.24.

Gold-Yuan went up to HK\$35.00 for 10,000 for Hong Kong delivery, but for Canton and Shanghai remittances it dropped to \$3.22 1/2 and \$2.85 respectively.

Plastics opened at HK\$30.55 a 100 and closed at \$30.80.

Teles were unchanged at HK\$24.10 a 100.

NBI Guilders were stationary at HK\$32.80 a 100.

Sterling opened at HK\$15.40 and closed at \$15.35.

Australian pounds were unchanged at HK\$12.80.

RANK'S PLANS

London, March 30.

J. Arthur Rank, Britain's biggest film producer, announced yesterday that he plans to consolidate all his film-making activities in one new company.

He hopes to cut producing costs by about 250,000 a year.—Associated Press.

SHIP MOVEMENTS

San Francisco, March 30.

Ship arrival: Lela, Marak, from Yokohama.

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K.H. Ip, Lee Wai-Tong Win Tennis Semi-Final

In perhaps the best Doubles game of the Colony Championship so far, K. H. Ip and Lee Wai-tong edged out the youthful combination of Lee Boon-sing and T. T. Chen by 4-6, 6-0, 6-1, 6-4 in yesterday's Lawn Tennis semi-final at the Cricket-Club.

League Bowls On Race Days

At the annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association held yesterday at the "South China Morning Post" Board Room, it was decided that the closing date for league entries will be April 19 and that the league will start on May 14.

After a lengthy discussion as to whether league bowls should be played on race days, the meeting decided that league bowls must be played irrespective of races.

The Open Triples competition which made its debut in 1947 and was abandoned last season will once again be held.

Shanghai will be invited for the inter-port series against the Colony and that Mr. L. Whant was selected to lead the Hong Kong team in the annual encounter against Waikato for the Esplanade Cup.

The following are the tentative entries for the League: Club de Recreo, three or four teams; KGBCC, KCC and IRC two or three teams; CCC, PRC and KDC two teams each; HKFC, Flying Club, Taihook and Prison Officers Club one each and HKCC undecided.

The following were the officials elected: President, Mr. J. McKelvie; Vice-President, Mr. J. G. Meyer; Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Tindall and Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. A. Gutierrez.

MIDDLE WEIGHT CHAMPION

London, March 29. Marcel Cerdan, French world middleweight champion, knocked out Dick Turpin, British champion, in the seventh round of their ten round non-title bout at the Empress Hall last night. Cerdan weighed in at 147 and Turpin at 145. Cerdan was a result of £200 forfeit.

This was one of the biggest fights of this nature paid for a contest. Cerdan's manager, Joe Morgan, said that because of a misunderstanding it was thought the bout was made at 11 stone ten pounds.

At the weigh-in the Frenchman scaled 11 stone nine and a quarter pounds, instead of the 11 stone eight, at which the match was made. Turpin was inside the stipulated weight. —Reuter.

EXHIBITION BASEBALL SCORES

New York, March 29. Today's exhibition baseball scores were: Louisville Colonels of the American Association 2, Boston Red Sox 6 (at Saratoga, Florida); Washington Senators 7, Detroit Tigers 2 (at Lakeland); Philadelphia Phillies 4, Toronto Maple Leafs of the International League 0 (at West Palm Beach); St. Louis Cardinals 3, New York Yankees 1 (at St. Petersburg); Chicago Cubs 4, Cleveland Indians 3 (at Tucson, Arizona); United Press.

HOCKEY GAME

The YMCA Hockey team to meet HK Police on Saturday April 2, at 3.00 p.m. on the YMCA pitch will be: Capt. Bull, Smith, D. Inglis, Robertson, Clemo, Blenkinsop, A. Inglis, Boycott, Jacques, Slater. The team to meet Recreo on Sunday, April 3, at 10.00 a.m. on the Recreo pitch will be: Robertson, Bull, Smith, D. Inglis, Gibbons, Caynes, Blenkinsop, A. Inglis, Boycott, Jacques, Slater.

WOMEN'S CRICKET

Auckland, March 29. England beat New Zealand by 185 runs today in a women's Test cricket match. The final score-board read: England 204 and 164 for seven declared, New Zealand 61 and 122. —Reuter.

RUGBY MATCHES

London, March 29. The following were the results of Rugby Union matches played today: Falmouth 5, Cross Keys 3; Torquay Athletic 3, Barnstaple 6. —Reuter.

For full 75 minutes, the huge crowd were entertained to a magnificent exhibition of Doubles play by four players who could counter deadly smashes or block hurricane drives with lightning volleys, and retrieve almost impossible shots.

Here of the evening was undoubtedly young T. T. Chen, whose bullet-like overhead smashes and powerful volleys earned time and again prolonged rounds of applause. He stood up to Ip's volleys like a champion leaving the Colony champion standing on several net exchanges. His lobbs were perfectly executed and his powerful top-spin drives more than often caught the opponents in no-man's-land.

Lee Boon-sing was visibly not at his best his overhead smashes lacking the usual sting. It was not until after the game that he was found out that he was labouring with an appendix trouble. This probably accounted for his inability to give Chen a better support, which would have given yesterday's game a most thrilling conclusion.

Sense Of Courtcraft

Ip Koon-hong, the Colony Singles Champion was the sheet-anchor of the Ip-Lee combination showing a superb sense of courtcraft. Steadily like a rock, he pulled several games out of the fire, matching overhead for overhead volley for volley and drive for drive of the younger opponents. With Ip in such fine fettle, Lee and Chen made a tactical error in playing a cut number of shots to him instead of the slightly slower Lee Wai-tong.

Lee Wai-tong, the most advanced of the four, though out-paced on number of occasions, tactfully got out of the burndowns directed to him, by some well-placed lobs and drop-volleys. Starting rather indifferently, he gradually warmed up and following Ip's example began to play a cut number of shots to him instead of the slightly slower Lee Wai-tong.

Taking the first service, Ip, found Chen immediately getting into his brilliant form. His sizzling top-spin drives and vicious overheads gave his side and immediate lead of 1-0.

Chen's service saw his partner followed by a deadly overhead smash from Lee Wai-tong. A succession of fierce volleying rallies resulted in Lee Wai-tong setting three points. An overhead smash by Boon-sing was volleyed by Ip to allow the younger pair to widen their lead to 2-0.

Chen's spectacular overhead smashes and blocking at the net carried his partner to a further lead of 4-0, but Ip then began to take the initiative for his side, playing his opponents at their own game.

Some brilliant exchanges at the net followed in the next two games, as both pairs advanced to the net, each trying to wrest control of the game from the other.

Ip came to the fore with his forceful and well-placed volleys and smashes to take the next two games and narrow the deficit to 2-3. Wai-tong however gave away the sixth game with two jabs errors but made amends by taking his next service game and kept the score still neck to neck at 3-4.

In Brilliant Vein

Chen, however, continued in his brilliant vein with amazing kills, leading his partner to a first set win of 6-4 amid a crescendo of applause.

The second set saw Lee Boon-sing slowing down and the more experienced pair lost no time in piling their shots in that direction. Forcing him to the base with fast drives, they countered his returns with a barrage of overhead smashes or drop-volleys. Chen too began to lose touch as the balls receded from him. Ip and Wai-tong took the set without conceding a game in 12 minutes though all the six games were stoutly defended by the youths.

With Lee Boon-sing slacking, Ip and Wai-tong took mastery of the game, and took the aggressive in no uncertain manner, in the third set. They jumped to a lead of 4-1 from which the younger Lee and Chen never recovered.

To Stem The Tide

A determined effort to stem the tide in the fourth set, saw Chen reproduce his first set form as he

took the first game. But Ip was master of the occasion and with Wai-tong now reached his best form in the evening, captured the next four games to lead 4-1.

Lee Boon-sing was vainly trying to give his partner the sorely needed support in spite of his handicap, but it was Chen's brilliance again which added another two games to their score.

Lee Wai-tong made no mistake with his next service.

Down 3-5, young Lee gallantly hung on to his service, but Ip fittingly put the finishing touch to the evening's grand exhibition with two irrefragable overheads.

Today's Games

CLUB OPEN SINGLES FINAL

Stand court: B.T.M. Jones v R. Segalen.

CLUB DOUBLES HANDICAP

H.J. Armstrong and W.D. Cooper v K.M. Getz and Dr. Smart.

Middlesboro vs Derby County

At the other end of the table, Middlesboro entertain Derby County at Ayrsonne Park and I am inclined to believe that the

CLUB BEATS EASTERN IN SOCCER GAME, 5-0

Eastern, who lost to Royal Navy by seven goals to one on Sunday last, suffered another heavy defeat yesterday when they went down to Club by five clear goals in a First Division soccer match at Happy Valley.

Club were undoubtedly the better team and fully deserved to win. In fairness to Eastern, however, it must be said that they were not at full strength, six reserves taking the places of regular players who were unable to leave work in time for the kick-off.

Eastern were forced on the defensive from the start and they were lucky to survive several dangerous raids by the Club forwards.

A breakaway by the Chinese resulted in an exciting tussle in front of the Club goalmouth, but the situation was relieved when the ball was kicked out of play.

Adopting open methods and by swinging the ball about, Club recently brought the ball into the Chinese goalmouth, only to be robbed by a fast tackling defence when within shooting distance.

With only a minute left for play before half time, Club took the lead when Kiernan was fouled just outside the penalty area. Taking the free kick himself, Kiernan placed the ball in the goalmouth, where it was connected by Mullen, who netted with a neat header to the corner of the net.

Eastern were the first to become dangerous on resumption and it looked as if they would obtain the equaliser, but the finishing of their forwards lacked punch.

TODAY'S SOCCER

SECOND DIVISION
Club v Police 5.15 p.m.; Referee: Lt. Davey.
Transvaal v FCA (PP from 3.0.48); Navy 5.15 p.m.; Referee: B.Y. Kwok.
Army-KI v KMD (PP from 3.0.48); Claburn Road 5.15 p.m.; Referee: P.A. Barretto.
Taihook v GAA (PP from 3.0.48); Army "B" 5.15 p.m.; Referee: Lai Duen-po.
South China v Dockyard (PP from 3.0.48); Caroline Hill 5.15 p.m.; Referee: P.M. Xavier.

FOOTBALL FIXTURE

The following will represent Dockyard FC against South China today at Caroline Hill at 5.15 p.m. and against Army Dockyard at Happy Valley on Sunday, April 3 at 3 p.m.

Hossack, Bacon, Gilcrease, Mullon, Bailey, Fennan, Hamley, Jackson, Watkins, Evans, Babbs. Players are requested to meet at the respective grounds at least 15 minutes before the kick-off.

Leicester City's Place In League Table Unsafe

(By "ALCYDES")
Congratulations Leicester City on your great achievement last Saturday! You certainly 'pulled one out of the bag' to confound the critics and dash Pompey's hopes of the 'double'.

Now what about your position in the league table? One doesn't have to reflect long to conclude that it is very precarious. You will be up against a much improved Grimsby on Saturday and it will need another Highbury showing to obtain those much needed points.

Wolverhampton and Manchester United left their FA Cup match tied and live to fight again this coming Saturday, this time at Goodison Park, Everton. As anticipated the game last week was a ding-dong struggle, with perhaps Wolves a little unfortunate not to win.

However, I am again going to back the United and I shall be very surprised if they are not at Wembley on April 30, this year.

In League One, Portsmouth at Home to Liverpool will be expected to consolidate their position at the head of the table by taking full points. Now that their position in the Cup has gone they will lend all their resources to winning at least league honours.

Newcastle their nearest rivals, play Blackpool at St. James' Park and should keep well in the hunt by winning this match.

Middlesboro vs Derby County

At the other end of the table, Middlesboro entertain Derby County at Ayrsonne Park and I am inclined to believe that the

points will be shared. Middlesboro will need out an effort to stave off defeat, anyway.

A four struggle will be witnessed at Preston where Sheffield United are the visitors. Both teams are deep in the relegation zone and Saturday's result may well decide the issue as to who descends to Division 11 next season.

The match of the day in Division 11 will be White Hart Lane where Spurs (four in the table and with an outside chance of promotion) take to task the League leaders, Southampton. This should be a grand game, the result of which will be difficult to predict. Southampton have been storming their way to the top this season and sooner or later must come the day when defeat is their lot. Tottenham who are better than Spurs in the actual game.

Notts Forest did a fine job against Coventry on Saturday in winning 3-0 and with a few more games in this strain, may yet avoid relegation. They are away this week and I rather like their chances in this match.

Swansea vs Southend

In Division 111 (South) Swansea, who now seem certain to return to Division 11 next season, are at Home to Southend and I can't see much to stop them here.

Bradford City after their astounding win at Darlington last week, to the tune of 5-1, should further improve their position at the expense of Rochdale this coming Saturday. City play Chester and are expected to take full points from this game.

Forecasts for matches to be played on Saturday April 2:

F.A. CUP RE-PLAY

MANCHESTER U. v Wolverhampton.

DIVISION FIRST
BIRMINGHAM v Arsenal
Burnley v Aston Villa
Sheff Wed v Huddersfield
MANCHESTER U. v Bolton
Middlesboro v Derby County
NEWCASTLE v Blackpool
PORTSMOUTH v Liverpool
PRESTON v Sheffield U.
STOKE v Sunderland

DIVISION SECOND
BRENTFORD v Burnley
Bury v Luton
Chesterfield v CARDIFF
Coventry v Fulham
Leeds U. v NOTTS F.

DIVISION THIRD (South)
BOURNEMOUTH v Bristol 2.
Bristol R. v Aldershot
CRYSTAL P. v Norwich
NEWPORT v Brighton
NOTTS C. v Leyton O.
Reading v Northampton
SWANSEA v Southend
Torquay v MILLWALL
WALLINGFORD v Exeter

DIVISION THIRD (North)
ACRINGTON v Crewe
BARNOLY v Gillingham
BRADFORD CITY v Rochdale
DONCASTER R. v N. Brighton
Halifax v DARLINGTON
HULL CITY v Chester
MANSFIELD v Carlisle
OLDHAM v York
ROTHESHAM v Southport
Wrexham v Hartlepool

COLOUR LINES AFFECT FIGHTERS

New Orleans, March 30. Two widely known New Orleans professional fighters, Bernard and Regino Docuse, have been legally declared "one-half white and one-half Filipino" instead of "coloured."

Civil District Court Judge Reno A. Vlosca ordered yesterday that the marriage licence of the parents of the boys, the late Regino Docuse and his wife Viola Loyall Docuse, be changed to show Docuse was a Filipino and his wife was white.

The order was issued in a suit brought by the parents and their sons to have records in the New Orleans Vital Statistics Bureau changed.

A third brother, lightweight Maxie Docuse, was not affected by the order, because he has no birth certificate. His attorney said, however, it will mean as much to Maxie as his brothers.

"This means the Docuse brothers can fight anywhere in the United States," he explained. "He said Maxie, like his brothers, was prevented from fighting while boxing in some States, because his brothers were registered as 'coloured.'" —Associated Press.

Lau, Chung Enter Badminton Finals

(By KIMBERLEY)
Most thrilling badminton last night at Club de Recreo was D. C. Lau and W. C. Chung edging out F. H. Tai and W. N. Cheung in two straight sets—15-6, 18-15—to enter the finals of the Junior Men's Doubles.

Patrick Wong and H. P. Lam combined excellently to defeat Ramon Young and Ullian Khoo, and are now fixed to play Robert Tay and Marie Ribeiro in the finals after the latter pair had displaced Bill Gillies and Adi Tamworth, in an unexpectedly poor exhibition at the semi-finals last night.

Although the score in the first game of the Men's Doubles read 15-0, there was very much more of it in the actual game.

The first point was scored by Lau and Chung after an unusually exciting long rally opening. The next three points were in the same manner accounted for, with Lau and Chung hitting viciously from all positions.

These early aggressive tactics adopted by the winning pair forced Tai and Cheung into the defensive from which they never emerged. But their retrievals were brilliant, falling only after lengthy moments of vigorous duelling.

Lau and Chung grabbed the first eight points without giving way until Chung mis-timed a drop by Tai to give away the service. Tai and Cheung then went on to net three points before the score stood at 9-3 in favour of Lau and Chung.

Tai's Display At Net

The losing pair won back the service and took the score up to 9-9, mostly by Tai's display at net and perfect execution of cut drops.

But from there on Lau and Chung never again relaxed, making their shots from mid court count. Chung's hard smashes were regularly accurate and vicious and all Tai's trickery at net failed to float the shuttle back on it repeatedly ought on to the net or fell away over the mark of both Tai and Cheung from Chung's smashes. Lau and Chung never erred again bringing in their first game at 15-0 after being forced all the way by Tai and Cheung.

Tai and Cheung returned in the second game to engage the opposition in more duels of hard smashing and lobs.

Chung and Lau led with 4-0, but the opponents began to back equally fine shots to level the score, then taking a slight lead.

The losers never relaxed and only occasionally fell back to defend in face of Chung's successful efforts in forcing the pace with his smashes which were beginning to fall off the mark in expensive errors.

Points came slowly and in equal distribution. Chung and Lau eventually took the score to 13-11.

But Tai and Cheung earned the next two points by dropping one shuttle and smashing the other while Chung, at base line, was out of position, bring the game to the only duels of the evening.

Chung and Lau chose a 5-point play. They took the first two and then gave way to have the score level at two all. The winning points came to the Chung-Lau pair in quick succession to end the evening's most exciting game.

Robert Tay took things confidently although Marie Ribeiro was not at his best. They emerged winners eventually against Bill Gillies and Adi Tamworth, 15-7, 15-0.

Marie Ribeiro began the game in extremely poor fashion and never found her form. Tay carried the game with his superior mastery in court craft with most of the points coming from Gillies' inaccurate smashes.

Excellent Shots

Adi Tamworth supported Gillies at net with excellent shots, catching Ribeiro many a time out of position. Gillies scored some telling points by rushing Marie Ribeiro's service. The first game ended 15-7 for Tay and, taking most of the play in the second, came through again with 15-9.

The other mixed doubles saw a finer exhibition of badminton with the Wong-Lam combination faster and more designed than that of Ramon Young and Ullian Khoo.

Both Patrick and his partner played two games with perfect understanding. Wong commanding mid court, employed his place-drops with telling effect. His partner, Lam, gave one of the best displays at net of the evening. Her shots caused growing confusion between the never too steady partnership of Young and Khoo, although individually both accounted for some of the match's top point-winning rallies.

In the only singles match of the night, C.K. Lee defeated W.F. Foo to enter the finals against Bill Fook or Robert Tay.

Move Afoot To Reduce ECA Funds

Washington, March 30. Foreign policy leaders of both parties in the U.S. Senate stood firm today against a move by Senators Robert Taft, Republican, and Richard Russell, Democrat, to trim about 10 per cent off the U.S.\$5,580,000,000 European recovery programme.

But Senator Walter George, Democrat, threw his powerful weight behind the Taft-Russell proposal with the assertion that unless some cut is made, this country may face "a serious financial deficit."

Senator Tom Connally, who heads the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, predicted defeat for the Taft-Russell proposal. But he admitted the vote might be close.

The committee's top Republican, Senator Arthur Vandenberg, would not comment publicly. He was reported to have told colleagues he is sticking by full authorization.

Vandenberg has taken the stand that the Economic Co-operation Administration should have latitude to defend before the appropriation committees later the amount it says it needs.

If the authorization in the pending bill is cut, ECA would have to stay under that ceiling in its bid for actual funds to carry out its programme. —Associated Press.

Tonight's Game

Semi-Finals at Club de Recreo: 7.30 p.m. Ladies' Singles: Margaret Xavier v Marie Ribeiro. 8.00 p.m. Senior Men's Doubles: Robert Tay and Patrick Wong v W.F. Foo and C. Au.

3.30 p.m. Junior Men's Doubles: C.Y. Young and K.P. Chong v F. M. Ribeiro and T.E. Rodrigues. 9.00 p.m. Junior Mixed Doubles: D.C. Lau and Helen Kwong v Charlie Quinn and Yolanda Franco. 9.30 p.m. Senior Men's Singles: Robert Tay v Bill Funk.

DANISH MINORITY IN SCHLESWIG

Kiel, March 29. Representatives of the Schleswig-Holstein Government and the South Schleswig Association today discussed proposals for safeguarding the civil rights of the Danish minority in South Schleswig.

The talks, under the presidency of Mr. William Ashbury, the Regional Commissioner for Schleswig-Holstein, were only exploratory and it was agreed left to a representative committee of experts. —Reuter.

Berlin, March 29. Herr Arthur Lehmann, deputy chief of the Soviet sector police, resigned today. The "Eastern" Berlin police headquarters said he had been replaced by Herr Richard Gypner.

No reason was given for Herr Lehmann's retirement. —Reuter.

P.I. RESERVES IMPORT QUOTAS FOR OWN PEOPLE

Manila, March 30. President Quirino's Cabinet today adopted a new policy to protect Filipinos in import trade. The Cabinet agreed that 20 per cent of the import quotas reserved under the present regulations for allocation to new businessmen, will be granted exclusively to Filipinos.

Secretary of Commerce Carmelo Balmaceda who made the proposal explained that 80 per cent of the quotas open to established importers of all nationalities, are mostly in the hands of alien traders.

The reserving of 20 per cent for new Filipino businesses "cannot by comparison, be described as discriminatory," Balmaceda said. —Associated Press.

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